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HOUSE BILL 25-1065

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING AN OPT-OUT FROM JURY SERVICE FOR CERTAIN PEOPLE,**
102 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The bill allows a person who is 70 years of age or older to choose to temporarily or permanently opt out of jury service.

The bill allows a person who is out of the state because they are actively enrolled full-time at an out-of-state institution of higher education or because they are working for an extended period of time out of the state to choose to temporarily opt out of jury service.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
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SENATE
2nd Reading Unamended
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HOUSE
3rd Reading Unamended
April 30, 2025

HOUSE
Amended 2nd Reading
April 29, 2025

The judge or jury commissioner may require documentation in support of the opt-out of jury service.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-71-119.5, **add** (2.7) **as follows:**

13-71-119.5. Persons entitled to be excused from or to opt out of jury service - temporary or permanent. (2.7) (a) (I) **BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026,** A JUDGE OR JURY COMMISSIONER OF THE COURT TO WHICH A PERSON IS SUMMONED FOR JURY SERVICE SHALL ALLOW A PERSON WHO IS **SEVENTY-TWO** YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AS OF THE BEGINNING DATE OF JURY SERVICE STATED ON THE JUROR SUMMONS, TO TEMPORARILY OPT OUT OF JURY SERVICE IF THE PERSON REQUESTS TO TEMPORARILY OPT OUT OF JURY SERVICE.

(II) A PERSON WHO TEMPORARILY OPTS OUT PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2.7)(a) IS ELIGIBLE FOR JUROR QUALIFICATION WHEN THE TEMPORARY OPT-OUT EXPIRES, AS DETERMINED BY THE COURT.

(b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2.7)(a) OF THIS SECTION, **BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026,** A JUDGE OR JURY COMMISSIONER OF THE COURT TO WHICH A PERSON IS SUMMONED FOR JURY SERVICE SHALL ALLOW A PERSON WHO IS **SEVENTY-TWO** YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AS OF THE BEGINNING DATE OF JURY SERVICE STATED ON THE JUROR SUMMONS, TO PERMANENTLY OPT OUT OF JURY SERVICE IF THE PERSON REQUESTS TO PERMANENTLY OPT OUT OF JURY SERVICE.

(c) THE JUDGE OR JURY COMMISSIONER OF THE COURT TO WHICH A PERSON IS SUMMONED FOR JURY SERVICE MAY REQUIRE THE PERSON WHO REQUESTS EITHER A TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT OPT-OUT FROM JURY SERVICE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2.7) TO PROVIDE A

1 DOCUMENT DEMONSTRATING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OPT-OUT FROM JURY
2 SERVICE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2.7). A DOCUMENT PROVIDED
3 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2.7) IS NOT A PUBLIC RECORD AND MUST
4 NOT BE DISCLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

5 (d) A PERSON WHO REQUESTS A TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT OPT-
6 OUT FROM JURY SERVICE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2.7) SHALL
7 TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A DETERMINATION REGARDING
8 THE REQUEST BEFORE THE DATE ON WHICH THE PERSON IS SCHEDULED TO
9 APPEAR FOR JURY SERVICE.

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11 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2025-26 state fiscal
12 year, \$10,066 is appropriated to the judicial department for use by the
13 state courts. This appropriation is from the general fund. To implement
14 this act, the state courts may use this appropriation as follows:

15 (a) \$2,000 for use by state courts administration for information
16 technology infrastructure; and

17 (b) \$8,066 for use by the trial courts for court costs, jury costs,
18 court-appointed counsel, and reimbursements for vacated convictions.

19 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
20 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
21 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except
22 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V
23 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this
24 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take
25 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
26 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
27 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.