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To: Judiciary B

HOUSE BILL NO. 999

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 13-5-25, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 EXEMPT ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THEIR SPOUSES FROM
3 JURY DUTY; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 13-5-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 13-5-25. (1) (a) Every citizen over sixty-five (65) years
8 of age, and everyone who has served as a grand juror or as a petit
9 juror in the trial of a litigated case within two (2) years, shall
10 be exempt from service if the juror claims the privilege. No
11 qualified juror shall be excluded because of any such reasons, but
12 the same shall be a personal privilege to be claimed by any person
13 selected for jury duty. Any citizen over sixty-five (65) years of
14 age may claim this personal privilege outside of open court by
15 providing the clerk of court with information that allows the
16 clerk to determine the validity of the claim.

17 (b) Every elected member of the Mississippi House of
18 Representatives and every elected member of the Senate, and his or



19 her spouse shall be exempt from service if the juror claims the
20 privilege. Any elected member of the Mississippi House of
21 Representatives and/or the Senate or his or her spouse, as
22 applicable, may claim this personal privilege outside of open
23 court by providing the clerk of court with information that allows
24 the clerk to determine the validity of the claim.

25 (2) Provided, however, that no person who has served as a
26 grand juror or as a petit juror in a trial of a litigated case in
27 one (1) court may claim the exemption in any other court where the
28 juror may be called to serve.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from
30 and after July 1, 2024.

