

SENATE BILL NO. 58

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR ELTON

Introduced: 1/19/07

Referred: Judiciary

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to excusing breast-feeding women from jury service; amending Rule
2 15(l), Alaska Rules of Administration; and providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 09.20.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (c) A woman may claim exemption and may be excused from service as a
6 juror if the woman is breast-feeding a child who is less than three years of age.

7 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
8 read:

9 DIRECT COURT RULE AMENDMENT. Rule 15(l)(2), Alaska Rules of
10 Administration, is amended to read:

11 (2) Excused -

12 (i) a person may be excused from service as a juror if it is
13 shown that his or her health, the health or proper care of his or her family, a
14 physical or mental disability, or other conditions exist which would cause a

1 hardship to the individual. Unless the court specifically authorizes a permanent
2 excusal, all excusals from jury service **under this subparagraph** shall be for
3 the current jury year only. However, a person who has appeared for jury duty
4 may be excused for two years from further jury duty in a jury selection area as
5 defined in paragraph (b) with a population over 50,000, **and**

6 **(ii) a woman who is breast-feeding a child may claim**
7 **exemption and may be excused from service as a juror as provided by law.**

8 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).