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1 IN THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL NO. 196

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to excusing persons from jury ser-  
7 vice; and amending Rule 15(k)(2) of the Alaska Rules  
8 Governing the Administration of All Courts."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

10 \* Section 1. AS 09.20.030 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 09.20.030. EXEMPTIONS. A person may claim exemption and  
12 may be excused from service as a juror if

13 (1) the person demonstrates that the jury service would  
14 cause undue hardship or extreme inconvenience to the person, the  
15 person's family, the person's employer, or the public served by the  
16 person; [IT IS SHOWN THAT THE PERSON'S HEALTH, THE HEALTH OR PROPER  
17 CARE OF THE PERSON'S FAMILY, A PERMANENT PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABIL-  
18 ITY, OR OTHER SUBSTANTIAL HARDSHIP EXPECTED TO LAST MORE THAN TWO  
19 YEARS MAKES IT NECESSARY FOR THE PERSON TO BE EXCUSED,] or

20 (2) [IF] the person is a judicial officer.

21 \* Sec. 2. AS 09.20.030 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

22 (b) In making a determination under (a)(1) of this section, the  
23 judge shall carefully consider and weigh the public need for juries  
24 that are representative of the full community against the individual  
25 circumstances offered as a justification for excuse from jury service.

26 (c) A person may request and be granted excuse from jury service  
27 under (a) of this section by telephone or mail.

28 \* Sec. 3. This Act has the effect of amending Rule 15(k)(2) of the  
29 Alaska Rules Governing the Administration of All Courts by altering the

1 reasons for which an exemption from jury service may be granted.