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3 By Senator Melson
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, there are no exemptions
9 for a person to be called to serve as a juror.

10 This bill would provide that a person 70
11 years of age or older may request to the jury
12 commission that he or she be excused from service
13 as a juror.

14 This bill would also allow a person 70 years
15 of age or older to request to the jury commission
16 that he or she be removed from the master list of
17 potential jurors and to allow the person to be
18 reinstated on the master list upon request.

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20 A BILL
21 TO BE ENTITLED
22 AN ACT

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24 Relating to juries, to provide an exemption from
25 jury service for persons 70 years of age or older; to provide
26 for removal from the master list of potential jurors; and to
27 provide for reinstatement on the master list upon request.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

2 Section 1. (a) A person 70 years of age or older may
3 be excused from being called to jury service upon request to
4 the jury commission in the county in which he or she is
5 requested to serve.

6 (b) (1) The Administrative Office of Courts shall
7 adopt an exemption form to be used when a person 70 years of
8 age or older requests exemption from jury service. Any
9 qualified juror may file the form with the appropriate jury
10 commission who may exempt the person from jury duty for a
11 period of three years. Upon the expiration of the three-year
12 period, a qualified juror may request to be re-exempted.

13 (2) A person who has been removed from the master
14 list pursuant to subdivision (1) may request to be reinstated
15 on the master list provided that he or she satisfies the
16 qualifications required by Article 2A, Chapter 16, Title 12,
17 Code of Alabama 1975.

18 Section 2. This act shall become effective 120 days
19 following its passage and approval by the Governor, or its
20 otherwise becoming law.