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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, there are limited
9 exemptions available for a person who is called to
10 serve as a juror. This bill would provide that a
11 nursing mother may be excused from service as a
12 juror by making a request to the jury commission.

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14 A BILL
15 TO BE ENTITLED
16 AN ACT

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18 Relating to juries; to provide an exemption from
19 jury service for nursing mothers.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

21 Section 1. (a) A nursing mother may be excused from
22 jury service upon request to the jury commission in the county
23 in which she is requested to serve.

24 (b) The Administrative Office of Courts shall adopt
25 an exemption form to be used when a nursing mother requests
26 exemption from jury service. Any qualified juror who is a
27 nursing mother may file the form with the appropriate jury

1 commission which shall exempt the person from jury duty for a
2 period of one year. A nursing mother asking to be excused
3 shall submit the written request for an exemption from jury
4 duty within 10 days of receiving the summons for jury.

5 (c) Nothing in this section shall limit the number
6 of times a woman may use this exemption, so long as she is
7 nursing when she receives her summons.

8 (d) The excusal of a nursing mother under this
9 section shall not affect her right to one automatic
10 postponement under Section 12-16-63.1, Code of Alabama 1975.

11 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
12 first day of the third month following its passage and
13 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.