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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 612-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "~~§612-6 Exempt when. [(a) No person shall be authorized~~  
4 ~~to claim an exemption from service as a juror in the courts of~~  
5 ~~the first circuit from January 1, 1989, through December 31,~~  
6 ~~1990, and in the courts of all circuits, other than the first~~  
7 ~~circuit from January 1, 1990, through December 31, 1991.~~

8 ~~(b) From January 1, 1991, for the courts of the first~~  
9 ~~circuit, and from January 1, 1992, for all other circuits of the~~  
10 ~~State, a] A person may claim exemption from service as a juror~~  
11 ~~if the person [is]:~~

12 ~~[(1) An attorney at law;~~

13 ~~(2) A head of an executive department, an elected~~  
14 ~~official, or a judge, of the United States, State or~~  
15 ~~county;~~

16 ~~(3) A minister or priest following the minister's or~~  
17 ~~priest's profession;~~

18 ~~(4) A practicing physician or dentist;~~



1       ~~(5) A member of the armed forces or militia when on active~~  
2           ~~service, or]~~

3       (1) Is an active member of a police or fire department;

4       ~~[(6) A person who has]~~ (2) Has served as a juror, either  
5           in a court of this State or the United States District  
6           Court for the District of Hawaii, within one year  
7           preceding the time of filling out the juror  
8           qualification form[-];

9       (3) Is a member of an emergency medical services agency;

10       (4) Lives more than seventy miles from the court for which  
11           jury service is required; or

12       (5) Is eighty years of age or older.

13       For purposes of this section, "emergency medical services  
14       agency" means any government agency or private agency or company  
15       that provides ambulance services, emergency medical services, or  
16       disaster medical services."

17       SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
18       and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

19       SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



**Report Title:**

Jury Duty; Exemptions

**Description:**

Repeals the jury service exemptions for categories, except for jurors who served within the last year and members of the police or fire department. Adds jury service exemptions for members of an emergency medical services agency, persons who live more than 70 miles from the court for jury service, or persons who are 80 or older. (SD1)

