



SENATE BILL 148: Juror Excused by Clerk of Sup. Ct.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 148 allows the chief district court judge to delegate authority to the clerk of court to excuse a person from jury duty.*

CURRENT LAW: Currently, the chief district court judge, or the district court judge designated by the chief, is responsible for promulgation of procedures to receive, hear and pass on applications for excuses from jury duty. In counties with a trial court administrator, the chief district court judge may delegate the duty of passing on applications for excuses to the administrator. Any requests to be excused from jury service are filed with the chief district court judge, their designated district court judge or a trial court administrator.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1: allows the chief district court judge to delegate authority to the clerk of superior court, after consultation with and consent by the clerk, to set procedures for receiving, hearing, and passing applications for excuses from jury duty.

Section 2: allows the chief district court judge to delegate authority to the clerk of superior court to approve requests to be excused from jury duty.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act is effective when it becomes law.

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