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By Senators Regala, Kohl-Welles, Roach, Kline, McCaslin, McAuliffe,
and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to exemptions from jury service based on age; and
2 amending RCW 2.36.100.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 2.36.100 and 1992 c 93 s 5 are each amended to read as
5 follows:

6 (1) Except for a person who is not qualified for jury service under
7 RCW 2.36.070, no person may be excused from jury service by the court
8 except:

9 (a) When the person is seventy-five years of age or older and
10 notifies the court of the person's decision not to serve, in which case
11 the person's name shall be removed from further consideration as a
12 juror from the master jury list; provided that:

13 (i) No person who is seventy-five years of age or older shall be
14 required to apply for this exemption;

15 (ii) The person may be reinstated to the master jury list by
16 submitting a signed, written request asking to be reinstated; and

17 (iii) Each court shall establish procedures to allow the person, or
18 another person having a power of attorney or other legal authority to
19 act in the person's behalf, to notify the court of the person's

1 decision not to serve; provided that no person who is seventy-five
2 years of age or older shall be required to make a personal appearance
3 in court;

4 (b) Upon a showing of undue hardship, extreme inconvenience, or
5 public necessity((τ)); or

6 (c) For any reason deemed sufficient by the court for a period of
7 time the court deems necessary.

8 (2) At the discretion of the court's designee, after a request by
9 a prospective juror to be excused, a prospective juror excused from
10 juror service for a particular time may be assigned to another jury
11 term within the twelve-month period. If the assignment to another jury
12 term is made at the time a juror is excused from the jury term for
13 which he or she was summoned, a second summons under RCW 2.36.095 need
14 not be issued.

15 (3) When the jury source list has been fully summoned within a
16 consecutive twelve-month period and additional jurors are needed,
17 jurors who have already served during the consecutive twelve-month
18 period may be summoned again for service. A juror who has previously
19 served may only be excused if he or she served at least two weeks of
20 juror service within the preceding twelve months. An excuse for prior
21 service shall be granted only upon the written request of the
22 prospective juror, which request shall certify the terms of prior
23 service. Prior jury service may include service in superior court, in
24 a court of limited jurisdiction, in the United States District Court,
25 or on a jury of inquest.

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