

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	9 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Cameron, Garrett, Krieger, Olson, Shields, Smith J., Stiegler, Whisnant, Barker
Nays:	Barton
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/31, 4/14, 4/20

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Limits deferrals of jury duty to one time and only for good cause. Requires an employer to allow an employee to take leave without pay for time spent responding to a summons for jury duty. Prohibits an employer from requiring an employee to use vacation or sick leave for jury duty. Clarifies that upon requesting a deferral for good cause, the person must provide no less than 10 dates within a six-month period during which they would be able to serve jury duty.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Original language too rigid
- Proposed amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Clarifies that upon requesting a deferral for good cause, the person must provide no less than 10 dates within a six-month period during which they would be able to serve jury duty.

BACKGROUND: Poor juror turnout can lead to trials being set over and in very extreme cases, having a judge pull people in off the street. Neither situation is efficient.