

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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H.P. 229

House of Representatives, February 5, 1991

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ed Pert".

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Representative HOLT of Bath.

Cosponsored by Representative HICHENS of Eliot, Representative PFEIFFER of Brunswick and Senator HOLLOWAY of Lincoln.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-ONE

**An Act to Permit Jury Duty Exemptions for Primary Caregivers of
Children Under the Age of 15.**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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4 14 MRSA §1213, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1981, c. 705, Pt.G,
§6, is amended to read:

6 2. Basis for excuse; record. A qualified prospective juror
8 may be excused from jury service only upon a showing of undue
hardship, extreme inconvenience, public necessity, or that he the
10 prospective juror is incapable of rendering satisfactory jury
service by reason of physical or mental disability. A person
12 claiming a disability excuse may be required to submit a
physician's certificate or accredited Christian Science
14 practitioner's certificate and the certifying physician or
Christian Science practitioner is subject to inquiry by the court
at its ~~deseretion~~ discretion. A person who resides with a child
16 or children under 15 years of age and whose principal
responsibility is to care for and supervise that child or those
18 children during normal court hours, may be excused from jury
service if that person desires. The decision concerning a
20 request for excuse shall must be made by the presiding justice or
by a clerk of court acting under the supervision of the presiding
22 justice. Depending upon the circumstances, such a juror may be
excused from jury service finally, be required to serve at a
24 later specific time or be required to serve for a period of time
less than the usual 15 court days. The clerk shall enter this
26 determination and the reason therefor in the appropriate record
kept for that purpose.

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30 **STATEMENT OF FACT**

32 This bill allows parents who provide care for and supervise
34 their children during normal court hours to be excused from jury
service if they desire.