

HB 317 -- JURY SERVICE

SPONSOR: Barnes

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass" by the Special Committee on Aging by a vote of 13 to 0. Voted "Do Pass" by the Standing Committee on Rules- Administrative Oversight by a vote of 8 to 0.

This bill specifies that any person 70 years of age or older shall, upon his or her request and with a completed written statement from such person to the court certifying he or she is 70 years of age or older, be excused from jury service.

This bill is the same as HB 1726 (2018).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that most elderly people like to serve jury duty, but for some, it can be a formidable challenge. Finances, health and physical impairments, lack of transportation can be barriers, so this bill will be a huge help to many.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Barnes; and the American Association of Retired Persons.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.