

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

House Bill No. 641 by Representative LeBlanc

JURY DUTY: (Constitutional Amendment) Provides that persons who are seventy years of age or older are exempt from jury service, but may elect to serve as jurors if they meet the other qualifications for jury service

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Changes the election at which the proposed constitutional amendment will be submitted to the voters from the gubernatorial primary to the gubernatorial general election in 1999.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present constitution requires the supreme court to provide by rule for exemptions from service on juries.

Proposed constitutional amendment provides that persons who are 70 years of age or older shall be exempt from jury service and may decline to serve as jurors, but may elect to serve as jurors if they meet the other qualifications for service as a juror.

Proposed constitutional amendment retains the requirement that the supreme court provide by rule for other grounds for exemption from service on juries.

Provides for submission of the proposed amendment to the voters at the gubernatorial general election in 1999.

(Amends Const. Art. V, §33(B))