

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9

H. B. 2584

(By Delegates Rohrbach, Sobonya, Shott, Miller, Hicks,
Reynolds and Rowe)

[Introduced February 4, 2015; referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary.]

10 A BILL to amend and reenact §52-1-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
11 to jury service; allowing a judge to excuse a potential juror from jury duty until a later date
12 based on seasonal employment.

13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

14 That §52-1-11 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and reenacted
15 to read as follows:

16 **ARTICLE 1. PETIT JURIES.**

17 **§52-1-11. Excuses from jury service.**

18 (a) The court, upon request of a prospective juror or on its own initiative, shall determine on
19 the basis of information provided on the juror qualification form or interview with the prospective
20 juror or other competent evidence whether the prospective juror should be excused from jury service.
21 The clerk shall enter this determination in the space provided on the juror qualification form.

22 (b) A person who is not disqualified for jury service under section eight of this article may
23 be excused from jury service by the court upon a showing of undue hardship, extreme inconvenience,

1 or public necessity, for a period the court deems necessary, at the conclusion of which the person
2 shall reappear for jury service in accordance with the court's direction.

3 (c) A person who is not disqualified for jury service under section eight of this article may
4 be excused from jury service by the court upon a showing that the person is currently engaged in
5 seasonal employment, for the duration of the seasonal employment, at the conclusion of which the
6 person shall reappear for jury service in accordance with the court's direction.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to allow a judge to excuse a potential juror from jury duty until a later date based on seasonal employment.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from the present law, and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.