

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2002 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 33  
Judiciary

(Delegate K. Kelly)

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**Courts - Jury Duty - Exemptions**

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This bill exempts county sheriffs and specified chiefs or highest ranking members of law enforcement agencies and non-volunteer fire departments from jury service.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The specified exemptions are not expected to have any significant impact on governmental finances.

**Local Effect:** None. The specified exemptions are not expected to have any significant impact on governmental finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** There are only two categories of persons exempt from jury service: (1) a member of the organized militia who is certified by the military department as a member; and (2) a person 70 years or older who has made a written request for exemption to the jury commissioner or clerk.

Any person may be temporarily excused from jury service by the jury judge if the person demonstrates that serving would cause undue hardship or extreme inconvenience, or that public necessity requires excuse. If excused, the person will be re-summoned for jury service after a period of time determined by the jury judge.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Town of Thurmont; Takoma Park; City of Annapolis; Cecil, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Harford counties; Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Department of State Police; Department of Transportation; Department of Legislative Services

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