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STATE OF COLORADO**

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**HOUSE BILL 25-1065**

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**HOUSE SPONSORSHIP**

**Barron,** Brooks, Camacho, Phillips

**SENATE SPONSORSHIP**

**Frizell,**

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**House Committees**

State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs  
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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING AN OPT-OUT FROM JURY SERVICE FOR CERTAIN PEOPLE.**

**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill allows a person who is 70 years of age or older to choose to temporarily or permanently opt out of jury service.

The bill allows a person who is out of the state because they are actively enrolled full-time at an out-of-state institution of higher education or because they are working for an extended period of time out of the state to choose to temporarily opt out of jury service.

The judge or jury commissioner may require documentation in support of the opt-out of jury service.

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 13-71-119.5, **add**  
3 (2.7)   as follows:

4           **13-71-119.5. Persons entitled to be excused from or to opt out**  
5 **of jury service - temporary or permanent.** (2.7) (a) (I) BEGINNING  
6 JANUARY 1, 2026, A JUDGE OR JURY COMMISSIONER OF THE COURT TO  
7 WHICH A PERSON IS SUMMONED FOR JURY SERVICE SHALL ALLOW A  
8 PERSON WHO IS SEVENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AS OF THE  
9 BEGINNING DATE OF JURY SERVICE STATED ON THE JUROR SUMMONS, TO  
10 TEMPORARILY OPT OUT OF JURY SERVICE IF THE PERSON REQUESTS TO  
11 TEMPORARILY OPT OUT OF JURY SERVICE.

12           (II) A PERSON WHO TEMPORARILY OPTS OUT PURSUANT TO THIS  
13 SUBSECTION (2.7)(a) IS ELIGIBLE FOR JUROR QUALIFICATION WHEN THE  
14 TEMPORARY OPT-OUT EXPIRES, AS DETERMINED BY THE COURT.

15           (b) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2.7)(a) OF THIS SECTION,  
16 BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, A JUDGE OR JURY COMMISSIONER OF THE  
17 COURT TO WHICH A PERSON IS SUMMONED FOR JURY SERVICE SHALL  
18 ALLOW A PERSON WHO IS SEVENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, AS OF  
19 THE BEGINNING DATE OF JURY SERVICE STATED ON THE JUROR SUMMONS,  
20 TO PERMANENTLY OPT OUT OF JURY SERVICE IF THE PERSON REQUESTS TO  
21 PERMANENTLY OPT OUT OF JURY SERVICE.

22           (c) THE JUDGE OR JURY COMMISSIONER OF THE COURT TO WHICH  
23 A PERSON IS SUMMONED FOR JURY SERVICE MAY REQUIRE THE PERSON  
24 WHO REQUESTS EITHER A TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT OPT-OUT FROM  
25 JURY SERVICE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2.7) TO PROVIDE A  
26 DOCUMENT DEMONSTRATING ELIGIBILITY FOR THE OPT-OUT FROM JURY

1 SERVICE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2.7). A DOCUMENT PROVIDED  
2 PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2.7) IS NOT A PUBLIC RECORD AND MUST  
3 NOT BE DISCLOSED TO THE PUBLIC.

4 (d) A PERSON WHO REQUESTS A TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT OPT-  
5 OUT FROM JURY SERVICE PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION (2.7) SHALL  
6 TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO OBTAIN A DETERMINATION REGARDING  
7 THE REQUEST BEFORE THE DATE ON WHICH THE PERSON IS SCHEDULED TO  
8 APPEAR FOR JURY SERVICE.

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10 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
11 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
12 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
13 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
14 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
15 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
16 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
17 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
18 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.