

SENATE BILL NO. 2095

Introduced by

Senator Larson

1 A BILL for an Act to amend and reenact section 27-09.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code,
2 relating to excusing law enforcement officers from jury duty; and to provide for application.

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:**

4 **SECTION 1. AMENDMENT.** Section 27-09.1-11 of the North Dakota Century Code is
5 amended and reenacted as follows:

6 **27-09.1-11. Excuses from jury service.**

7 1. As used in this section, "law enforcement officer" means any full-time salaried sheriff,
8 sheriff's deputy, police chief, policeman, or any other individual who is licensed to
9 perform peace officer law enforcement duties under chapter 12-63 and is employed
10 full-time by a state or political subdivision criminal justice agency or branch.

11 2. The court, upon request of a prospective juror or on its own initiative, shall determine
12 on the basis of information provided on the juror qualification form or interview with the
13 prospective juror or other competent evidence whether the prospective juror should be
14 excused from jury service. The clerk shall enter this determination in the space
15 provided on the juror qualification form.

16 ~~2.~~ A person

17 3. An individual who is not disqualified for jury service may be excused from jury service
18 by the court upon a showing of ~~undue~~:

19 a. Undue hardship, extreme inconvenience, or public necessity, for a period the
20 court deems necessary, at the conclusion of which the ~~person~~individual shall
21 reappear for jury service in accordance with the court's direction; or

22 b. The individual being a law enforcement officer, if the jury service is for a criminal
23 trial.

- 1 **SECTION 2. APPLICATION.** This Act applies to any jury summons sent to a prospective
- 2 juror after the effective date of this Act.