

The House Committee on Judiciary offers the following substitute to HB 298:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to general provisions regarding juries, so as to provide for an exemption or
3 deferment from jury service for natural or adoptive parents of children under six months of
4 age; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 1 of Chapter 12 of Title 15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
8 general provisions regarding juries, is amended by revising paragraph (3) to subsection (a)
9 of Code Section 15-12-1.1, relating to exemptions from jury duty, as follows:

10 "(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1) of this subsection, any person who is the primary
11 caregiver having active care and custody of a child six years of age or younger, who
12 executes an affidavit on a form provided by the court stating that such person is the
13 primary caregiver having active care and custody of a child six years of age or younger
14 and stating that such person has no reasonably available alternative child care, and who
15 requests to be excused or deferred shall be excused or deferred from jury duty; provided,
16 further, that any natural or adoptive parent of a child under six months of age, who

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17 executes an affidavit on a form provided by the court stating that such child is under the
18 age of six months and that he or she has custody of such child, and who requests to be
19 excused or deferred shall be excused or deferred from jury duty."

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SECTION 2.

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.