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SENATE BILL DRS15135-NB-29

Short Title: Records of Excusals for Jury Duty. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Krawiec, Sanderson, and Burgin (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS
3 REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED FROM JURY DUTY BASED ON
4 DISQUALIFICATION SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT
5 FOR NOT LESS THAN TWO YEARS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** Article 1 of Chapter 9 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a
8 new section to read:

9 **"§ 9-6.2. Records of excusals from jury duty based on disqualification.**

10 (a) The name and address of each person who requests to be excused from jury duty on
11 the basis that he or she is not qualified to serve as a juror under G.S. 9-3, along with the reason
12 for that request, shall be retained by the clerk of superior court for not less than two years from
13 the date of excusal. The records retained by the clerk are not public records under G.S. 132-1.

14 (b) If a person is excused from jury duty for any reason relating to qualifications under
15 G.S. 163A-841, the record of his or her name, address, reason for excusal, and the date of excusal
16 shall be a public record under G.S. 132-1 and shall be provided by the clerk of superior court to
17 the State Board of Elections for the purposes listed in G.S. 163A-877."

18 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 9-6(e) reads as rewritten:

19 "(e) The judge shall inform the clerk of superior court of persons excused under this
20 section, and the clerk shall keep a record of excuses separate from the master jury ~~list~~list in
21 accordance with G.S. 9-6.2."

22 **SECTION 3.** The Administrative Office of the Courts shall amend the Rules of
23 Recordkeeping to include procedures to implement the provisions of G.S. 9-6.2, as enacted by
24 Section 1 of this act.

25 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective January 1, 2020.

