

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Section 62.106(a) of the Government Code outlines the statutory exemptions from serving on a jury. One of these exemptions is for a person who "is the primary caretaker of a person who is an invalid unable to care for himself." The term "invalid," while commonly used in the past to refer to a person with a serious illness or disability, is no longer in common usage. H.B. 866 removes this outdated and unnecessary term from this section of the Government Code.

H.B. 866 amends current law relating to the exemption from jury service of a person who is the primary caretaker of another person.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 62.106(a), Government Code, to authorize a person qualified to serve as a petit juror to establish an exemption from jury service if the person is the primary caretaker of a person who is unable to care for himself or herself, rather than the primary caretaker of a person who is an invalid unable to care for himself.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2105.