

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1978**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Haynes**

February 12, 2004

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An act to amend Section 204 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to jurors.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1978, as introduced, Haynes. Jurors: eligibility.

Existing law specifies that no eligible person may be excused from jury service except for undue hardship, as defined by the Judicial Council.

This bill would further exempt mothers with custody of minor children under 6 years of age.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 204 of the Code of Civil Procedure is  
2 amended to read:

3 204. (a) No eligible person shall be exempt from service as  
4 a trial juror by reason of occupation, race, color, religion, sex,  
5 national origin, economic status, or sexual orientation, or for any  
6 other reason. No person shall be excused from service as a trial  
7 juror except as specified in subdivision (b) *or* (c).

8 (b) An eligible person may be excused from jury service only  
9 for undue hardship, upon themselves or upon the public, as defined  
10 by the Judicial Council.

- 1     (c) *An eligible woman shall be excused from jury service if she*
- 2     *is a mother having custody of a minor child under six years of age.*

