

\*The only reasons the clerk can excuse you from jury service are: postponements, medical exemptions provided by doctor's note, and 65 years and older exemptions. Any other reason has to be given in front of the presiding judge on the first day of court term.

### **JURY QUALIFICATIONS**

- Must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- Must be a qualified elector, or a resident freeholder (land owner) of the county for more than one year;
- Shall not have been convicted of a felony crime;
- Shall not be a common gambler or habitual drunkard;
- Shall not have been convicted of the sale of intoxicating liquors within the past five (5) years;
- Must be able to read and write.

### **JURY EXEMPTIONS**

1. Any person over sixty-five (65) years of age may be exempt from jury service. Additionally, any person over age 65 may request and receive a permanent exemption from jury service.
2. Any person who is ill and due to illness, is incapable of performing jury service may be exempt from jury service. If the excuse of illness is not supported by a physician's certificate, the juror must appear in court and the judge will make a determination as to whether to excuse the juror.
3. If jury service would cause an undue or extreme physical or financial hardship to the juror or to a person under the care or supervision of the juror, the juror may be exempt from jury service. The test of such an excuse shall be whether the individual would either:

### **POSTPONEMENT OF JURY SERVICE**

Individuals scheduled to appear for jury service have the right to postpone the date of their initial appearance for jury service just once. Postponements will be granted upon request provided that:

- The juror has not been granted a postponement within the past two (2) years.
- The prospective juror appears in person, or contacts the clerk of the court by telephone, electronic mail, or in writing and requests a postponement.

### **FAILURE TO APPEAR**

A person who fails to appear or to complete jury service as directed may be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned not more than three (3) days or both. Additionally, the court may order that prospective juror to complete a period of community service for a period no less than if the prospective juror would have completed jury service.

### **ELECTRONIC DEVICES**

All electronic devices of any kind shall be turned off prior to entering the courtroom. Failure to comply may result in the individual in possession of such a device being held in contempt of court.

### **CLOTHING**

Individuals appearing for jury service should dress with an appropriate respect for the court proceedings.