

Legislative Analysis



POSTPONE JURY DUTY FOR FARMERS

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House Bill 4550 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Bryan Posthumus
Committee: Agriculture
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4550 would amend the Revised Judicature Act to require a court to postpone a farmer's jury duty service from April 1 through November 30 if requested by the farmer.

Under the bill, the chief judge of the court to which a person is summoned to appear for jury service would have to postpone the person's term of service until after the period of April 1 through November 30 if the person is summoned to serve as a juror during that period, the person is a *farmer*, and the person requests the postponement.

Farmer would mean a person who owns or operates a *farm*.

Farm would mean the land; plants; animals; buildings; structures, including ponds used for agricultural or aquacultural activities; machinery; equipment; and other appurtenances used in the commercial production of farm products, as defined in the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

The bill would take effect 90 days after being enacted.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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