

HOUSE BILL NO. 4550

March 23, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Posthumus, Bezotte, Outman, Green, Griffin, Mueller, Hoitenga and Allor and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"
by amending section 1335 (MCL 600.1335), as amended by 2014 PA 10.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1335. (1) The chief judge of the court to which a person
2 is returned as a juror may excuse the person from serving when it
3 appears that the interests of the public or of the individual juror
4 will be materially injured by his or her attendance or the health
5 of the juror or that of a member of his or her family requires his

1 or her absence from court.

2 (2) The chief judge of the court to which a person is returned
3 as a juror shall postpone the person's term of service until the
4 end of the school year if the person is a full-time student
5 enrolled in and attending high school.

6 (3) The chief judge of the court to which a person is returned
7 as a juror shall, upon request, postpone the person's term of
8 service until the end of the academic year if the person is a full-
9 time student enrolled in and attending a college, community
10 college, university, graduate or professional school, vocational
11 school, or any other accredited educational institution and the
12 person provides satisfactory proof that the term of service will
13 likely interfere with his or her class schedule.

14 (4) **The chief judge of the court to which a person is returned**
15 **as a juror shall, upon request, postpone the person's term of**
16 **service until after the period of April 1 through November 30 if he**
17 **or she is returned to serve as juror during the period of April 1**
18 **through November 30, and the person is a farmer.**

19 (5) **As used in this section:**

20 (a) **"Farm" means that term as it is defined in section 2 of**
21 **the Michigan right to farm act, 1981 PA 93, MCL 286.472.**

22 (b) **"Farmer" means a person who owns or operates a farm.**

23 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
24 after the date it is enacted into law.