Legislative Analysis



POSTPONE JURY DUTY FOR FARMERS

Senate Bill 1092 as passed by the Senate

Sponsor: Sen. Rick Jones House Committee: Judiciary Senate Committee: Judiciary

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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 1092 would amend the Revised Judicature Act to require the chief judge of the court to which a person is "returned as a juror" to postpone the person's term of service until after the period of April 1 through November 30 if he or she is returned to serve as juror during that period and is a *farmer*. A person is "returned" as a juror when he or she is served with a written notice summoning him or her to appear in court for jury service. The farmer would have to request the postponement.

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

Farm would mean that term as defined in Section 2 of 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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