

No. 1978-17

AN ACT

SB 598

Permitting any person required to serve as a juror to absent himself from any service or employment in which he is then engaged or employed; prohibiting employers from dismissing or threatening to dismiss such persons; granting such persons civil relief.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Any person required to serve as a juror for any of the courts of the Commonwealth or the United States shall be entitled to absent himself from any service or employment in which he is then engaged or employed during the required period of jury service.

Section 2. No employer shall dismiss nor threaten to dismiss any person in his employ or service because such person absented himself from his service or employment to serve as a juror.

Section 3. Any person dismissed from any service or employment because he absented himself from such service or employment to serve as a juror shall have the right to bring an action against his employer for any damages he sustained because of such dismissal and he shall also have the right to seek injunctive relief for reinstatement to his service or employment.

Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 18th day of April, A. D. 1978.

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