

# Hall of the House of Representatives

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## Amendment Form

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### Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 239

"AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE, HONOR, AND PROTECT ARKANSAS CITIZENS WHO ARE SUMMONED TO SERVE AS JURORS IN ARKANSAS STATE COURTS; TO INCREASE THE RATE OF JUROR COMPENSATION; AND TO REIMBURSE COUNTIES FOR THE COSTS OF JURIES."

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### Amendment No. 2 to Senate Bill No. 239.

Amend Senate Bill No. 239 as engrossed, S2/22/07 (version: 02-22-2007 11:39):

Delete SECTION 2 in its entirety and substitute the following:

"SECTION 2. Effective January, 1, 2008, Arkansas Code § 16-34-103 is amended to read as follows:

16-34-103. Per diem ~~fees~~ compensation for jurors and prospective jurors.

~~Persons whose names appear on any legal and authorized grand jury or petit jury list of the respective counties of Arkansas shall receive in addition to any other fees allowable by law the following per diem fees:~~

~~(1) When the person fails for any reason to attend court, none;~~  
~~(2) When the person attends court and is excused by the court for any reason from serving as a juror, a minimum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00); and~~

~~(3) When the person has been sworn touching his qualifications to serve as a juror and has been accepted by the court as qualified, a minimum fee of thirty five dollars (\$35.00).~~

(a) Any person who receives official notice that he or she has been selected as a prospective juror or who is chosen as a juror is eligible to receive per diem compensation for service if:

(1) The person actually appears at the location to which the juror or prospective juror was summoned; and  
(2) The person's appearance is duly noted by the circuit clerk.

(b)(1) The per diem compensation payable to any person who is eligible for payment under subsection (a) of this section and who is selected and seated to serve as a member of a grand jury or petit jury is fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day.

(2) Any person who is eligible for payment under subsection (a) of this section and who is excused or otherwise not selected and seated as a member of a grand jury or petit jury shall be provided per diem compensation



of not less than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) as established by ordinance of the county quorum court."

AND

Delete SECTION 3 in its entirety and substitute the following:

"SECTION 3. Effective January 1, 2008, Arkansas Code § 16-34-104 is amended to read as follows:

16-34-104. Mileage of unaccepted reimbursement for jurors.

Any In the event and to the extent that a county quorum court adopts by ordinance a policy for reimbursement of mileage costs for jurors, any person who attends any court of record in the State of Arkansas as a juror in obedience to a summons, except such persons as are summoned among the bystanders at the court, and who for any cause is not accepted on the jury shall is eligible to receive per diem compensation under § 16-34-103 and whose primary place of residence is outside the city limits of the city where the court that summoned the juror or prospective juror is located may receive, in addition to the per diem compensation, a mileage reimbursement payment for mileage from and to his or her home by the most direct and practicable route at a rate to be prescribed by the quorum court of the county, but this rate is not to exceed the rate prescribed for state employees in state travel regulations by the county."

AND

Delete SECTION 5 in its entirety and substitute the following:

"SECTION 5. Effective January 1, 2008, Arkansas Code Title 16, Chapter 34, Subchapter 1 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

16-34-106. Payment by county – Reimbursement by state.

(a) The per diem compensation under § 16-34-103 shall be paid promptly to each juror or prospective juror by a county from funds appropriated for that purpose by the quorum court.

(b)(1) The state shall reimburse a county for a portion of the costs incurred for a payment under § 16-34-103(b)(1) if the county makes a request under subdivision (b)(3) of this section.

(2) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall administer the state reimbursement to a county under subdivision (b)(1) of this section.

(3) A county may request reimbursement for costs incurred for a payment under § 16-34-103(b)(1) on a quarterly basis as follows:

(A) On or before May 1 of each year for costs incurred between January 1 and March 31 of that year;

(B) On or before August 1 of each year for costs incurred between April 1 and June 30 of that year;

(C) On or before December 1 of each year for costs incurred between July 1 and September 30 of that year; and

(D) On or before February 1 of each year for costs incurred between October 1 and December 31 of the prior year.

(4) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall consult with the Division of Legislative Audit and shall prescribe the information that shall be documented and certified by a county in order to receive

reimbursement under subdivision (b)(1) of this section."

The Amendment was read \_\_\_\_\_

By: Representative D. Johnson

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