HLS 24RS-684 ENGROSSED

AN ACT

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 500

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BY REPRESENTATIVE GREEN

JURY DUTY: Increases the pay for jury duty

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 13:3049(B)(1)(b) and (2)(a), relative to jury service in criminal
3	and civil trials; to provide relative to juror compensation; to provide relative to the
4	compensation rate of jurors for attendance in court; and to provide for related
5	matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 13:3049(B)(1)(b) and (2)(a) are hereby amended and reenacted to
8	read as follows:
9	§3049. Cash deposit; bond; duty to attend; compensation; procedure; filing fees
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1	B.(1)
12	* * *
13	(b) The compensation shall be twenty-five dollars for each day twenty-five
4	for each day beginning the second day, during voir dire and shall be fifty-eight
15	dollars for each day of attendance in court once impaneled, and the mileage
16	allowance shall be not less than sixteen cents per mile nor more than the rate in
17	effect for state officials.
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9	(2)(a) Except as provided by special law, the jurors in civil cases who attended
20	may demand and receive fifty eighty dollars for each day of attendance in court

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beginning the second day, and an amount equal to the rate in effect for state officials for each mile necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the courthouse. Only one charge shall be made for mileage each way. At the time of posting bond, the party praying for the jury shall pay to the clerk of court the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars as jury filing fees. In addition, prior to the commencement of the trial, the party praying for the jury shall post a bond pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Article 1734 or deposit the amount ordered by the court pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Article 1734.1. If the trial exceeds the estimated number of days, the party praying for the jury shall post an additional bond or make an additional deposit as ordered by the court. However, no party praying for a jury trial under the provisions of this Subsection shall be required to pay any costs or advance deposit imposed under the provisions of this Subsection if such has been waived or an order is rendered, pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title I of Book IX of the Code of Civil Procedure, permitting the applicant to litigate or continue to litigate without payment of such costs or furnishing security therefor.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Increases the daily compensation rate for serving on a jury in criminal and civil trials.

<u>Present law</u> provides for compensation for juror attendance and an allowance for mileage necessarily traveled going to and from the courthouse for both criminal and civil cases.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that, in criminal cases, the compensation shall be \$25 for each day, beginning the second day, during voir dire and shall be \$58 for each day of attendance in court once impaneled.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that, in civil cases, the compensation shall be \$80 for each day of attendance in court beginning the second day.

(Amends R.S. 13:3049(B)(1)(b) and (2)(a))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Judiciary</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

- 1. Increase compensation amount for jurors, in criminal cases, for each day of attendance in court once impaneled.
- 2. Increase compensation amount for jurors, in civil cases, beginning the second day of attendance in court.