

2020 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 270

BY SENATOR FIELDS

COURTS. Provides that jurors be paid an amount equal to the amount that jurors in federal cases receive. (1/1/21)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:3049(B)(1)(a) and (b), and (2)(a), relative to juror
3 compensation; to provide for daily compensation; to provide for mileage; and to
4 provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:3049(B)(1)(a) and (b), and (2)(a) are hereby amended and
7 reenacted to read as follows:

8 §3049. Cash deposit; bond; duty to attend; compensation; procedure; filing fees

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10 B.(1)(a) The jurors in criminal cases who attend may demand and receive
11 from the parish treasury compensation and an allowance for mileage necessarily
12 traveled going to and from the courthouse ~~to be fixed by the district judges of each~~
13 ~~judicial district, sitting en banc, subject to approval by the parish governing~~
14 ~~authority.~~

15 (b) The compensation shall be ~~twenty-five dollars~~ **an amount equal to the**
16 **amount that jurors in federal cases receive** for each day of attendance in court,
17 and the mileage allowance shall be ~~not less than sixteen cents per mile nor more than~~

1 equal to the rate in effect for state officials.

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3 (2)(a) Except as provided by special law, the jurors in civil cases who attend
4 may demand and receive ~~twenty-five dollars~~ an amount equal to the amount that
5 jurors in federal cases receive for each day of attendance in court and ~~sixteen cents~~
6 an amount equal to the rate in effect for state officials for each mile necessarily
7 traveled in going to and returning from the courthouse. Only one charge shall be
8 made for mileage each way. At the time of posting bond, the party praying for the
9 jury shall pay to the clerk of court the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars as jury
10 filing fees. In addition, prior to the commencement of the trial, the party praying for
11 the jury shall post a bond pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Article 1734 or
12 deposit the amount ordered by the court pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Article
13 1734.1. If the trial exceeds the estimated number of days, the party praying for the
14 jury shall post an additional bond or make an additional deposit as ordered by the
15 court. However, no party praying for a jury trial under the provisions of this
16 Subsection shall be required to pay any costs or advance deposit imposed under the
17 provisions of this Subsection if such has been waived or an order is rendered,
18 pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title I of Book IX of the Code of Civil Procedure,
19 permitting the applicant to litigate or continue to litigate without payment of such
20 costs or furnishing security therefor.

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22 Section 2. This Act shall become effective on January 1, 2021.

The original instrument was prepared by Alan Miller. The following digest,
which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared
by Christine Arbo Peck.

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Present law provides that jurors in criminal, civil, and criminal grand jury cases receive \$25 in compensation for each day of attendance in court.

Proposed law sets all juror compensation at an amount equal to the amount that jurors in federal cases receive. The federal rate is currently \$50 per day.

Present law provides that jurors in criminal and criminal grand jury cases receive a mileage reimbursement to be fixed by the district judges of each judicial district, sitting en banc, subject to approval by the parish governing authority in an amount between 16 cents per mile and the rate in effect for state officials, currently 57.5 cents per mile.

Proposed law sets the mileage reimbursement for jurors in criminal and criminal grand jury cases at a rate equal to the rate in effect for state officials. The state official mileage rate is currently 57.5 cents per mile.

Present law provides that jurors in civil cases receive a mileage reimbursement of 16 cents per mile.

Proposed law sets the mileage reimbursement for jurors in civil cases at a rate equal to the rate in effect for state officials. The state official mileage rate is currently 57.5 cents per mile.

Effective January 1, 2021.

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

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Makes technical changes.