

SENATE BILL NO. 270

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AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:3049(B)(2)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

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

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(2)(a) Except as provided by special law, the jurors in civil cases who attend may demand and receive ~~twenty-five~~ **fifty** dollars for each day of attendance in court and ~~sixteen cents~~ **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

1 of this Subsection shall be required to pay any costs or advance deposit imposed
 2 under the provisions of this Subsection if such has been waived or an order is
 3 rendered, pursuant to Chapter 5 of Title I of Book IX of the Code of Civil Procedure,
 4 permitting the applicant to litigate or continue to litigate without payment of such
 5 costs or furnishing security therefor.

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

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____