

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 99 (HB 59)

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Prior law (R.S. 13:3671) provided for witness fees and mileage rates for witnesses who resided or who were employed in the parish where the court was situated or outside the parish within 25 miles of the courthouse.

Prior law (R.S. 13:3671) authorized the witnesses to receive a fee of \$8 a day for every day they were in attendance at court and mileage at the rate of 16¢ a mile for the distance they were required to travel to and from the courthouse.

Prior law (R.S. 13:3671) authorized the fees and mileage rates of up to six witnesses subpoenaed by each party to be taxed as costs of court. Witnesses that exceed that number were required to be paid by the party who subpoenaed them.

Existing law (R.S. 13:3661) provides that witnesses in civil cases who reside or are employed in this state may be subpoenaed and compelled to attend trials and hearings. Existing law does not provide a distance requirement.

Existing law (R.S. 13:3661) provides that witnesses shall be paid for travel expenses to and from the courthouse at a rate equal in effect for state officials and paid an attendance fee of \$50 each day the witnesses are required to appear in court.

Existing law (R.S. 13:3661) requires a deposit to the clerk of court be paid by the party who desires the testimony of the witnesses.

Existing law (R.S. 13:3661) provides that in cases of exceptional hardship, the court may increase the travel expenses paid to the witnesses.

New law repeals prior law (R.S. 13:3671) as it contradicted existing law (R.S. 13:3661).

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Repeals R.S. 13:3671)