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**Fiscal Note**

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<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Judiciary and Clerks of Court	
<b>Subject:</b> Jury Duty Mileage Reimbursement	<b>Analyst:</b> Daniel Druilhet

JURY DUTY OR INCREASE LF EX See Note Page 1 of 1  
 Provides relative to jury duty mileage reimbursement

Current law provides that compensation for jurors in criminal cases who attend a criminal trial shall be \$25 dollars for each day of attendance in court, and the mileage allowance shall be not less than sixteen cents per mile nor more than the rate in effect for state officials. Proposed law provides that compensation for jurors in criminal cases who attend a criminal trial shall be \$25 for each day of attendance in court 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.

EXPENDITURES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Local Funds	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	<b>INCREASE</b>	
<b>Annual Total</b>						
REVENUES	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
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Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Annual Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**

Proposed law will likely result in an indeterminable, but substantial increase in Local Funds expenditures for district courts for compensation for jurors in criminal cases. Proposed law has the effect of increasing the mileage reimbursement rate for jurors from \$0.16 to \$0.725 for each mile necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the courthouse. The exact fiscal impact to judicial expense funds for district courts is unknown, as the amount of reimbursement for the number of miles traveled by jurors in criminal cases who attend a criminal trial differs between judicial districts.

*For informational purposes, expenses for mileage reimbursements are paid either from the judicial expense funds from each judicial district courts, or in some cases, the dedicated source of funding from the district attorney or parish governments in each judicial district. The following are estimates provided by judicial administrators among the 42 judicial district courts regarding what mileage reimbursements for travel both going to and coming from the courthouse would have been, had the mileage reimbursement rate occurred in alignment with the proposed law. The LFO is continuing to work with the remaining judicial districts impacted to determine the fiscal impact to each court, and that information will be updated as it becomes available.*

**Twenty-Second Judicial District** In 2025, the total amount of miles reimbursed for miles necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the courthouse was 195,143. The Twenty-Second Judicial District Court reimburses mileage for this purpose at a rate of \$0.16 per mile, which resulted in \$31,222.88 in expenditures for mileage reimbursements. If the cost per mile increased (by \$0.565 per mile) using the same number of miles reimbursed in 2025 (195,143), the resulting increase would have resulted in total mileage reimbursements of \$110,255.80 (195,143 x 0.565).

**Twenty-Fifth Judicial District** In 2024, the total amount of mileage reimbursement expenses that were paid for seven petit juries is \$33,846.72 (with an average mileage reimbursement per jury venire of \$3,110.25). Currently, the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District Court pays a mileage reimbursement of \$0.58 per mile, meaning that the proposed law's increase would raise the mileage reimbursement by 25%, or on average, \$3,887.81 per jury. Considering the number of petit juries convened in 2024 (7), the amount that would have been expended in 2024 is \$27,214.67, if the increase in the proposed law would had been in effect in 2024.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules  
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}  
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

House  
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}  
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

  
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