HLS 24RS-684 **ORIGINAL**

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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11	B.(1)
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13	(b) The compensation shall be twenty-five one hundred dollars for each day
14	of attendance in court, and the mileage allowance shall be not less than sixteen cents
15	per mile nor more than the rate in effect for state officials.
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17	(2)(a) Except as provided by special law, the jurors in civil cases who attend
18	may demand and receive fifty one hundred dollars for each day of attendance in
19	court and an amount equal to the rate in effect for state officials for each mile
20	necessarily traveled in going to and returning from the courthouse. Only one charge

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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 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> increases compensation for jurors in criminal cases $\underline{\text{from}}$ \$25 $\underline{\text{to}}$ \$100 for each day of attendance in court.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases compensation for jurors in civil cases <u>from</u> \$50 to \$100 for each day of attendance in court.

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