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HOUSE BILL 442

Short Title: Increase Juror Fees/Court Costs.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Faison.

Referred to: Finance.

March 2, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE UNIFORM FEES PAID TO JURORS FOR THEIR
SERVICE AND TO RAISE COURT COSTS TO OFFSET THAT INCREASE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 7A-312 reads as rewritten:

"§ 7A-312. Uniform fees for jurors; meals.

A juror in the General Court of Justice including a petit juror, ~~or~~ a coroner's juror, ~~but excluding or~~ a grand juror, shall receive ~~twelve dollars (\$12.00) per day, except that if any person serves as a juror for more than five days in any 24 month period, the juror shall receive thirty dollars (\$30.00) per day for each day of service in excess of five days. A grand juror shall receive twelve dollars (\$12.00) per day. one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per day.~~ A juror required to remain overnight at the site of the trial shall be furnished adequate accommodations and subsistence. If required by the presiding judge to remain in a body during the trial of a case, meals shall be furnished the jurors during the period of sequestration. Jurors from out of the county summoned to sit on a special venire shall receive mileage at the same rate as State employees."

SECTION 2. G.S. 7A-304(a)(4) reads as rewritten:

"(4) For support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of ~~seventy-six dollars (\$76.00)~~ ninety-eight dollars (\$98.00) in the district court, including cases before a magistrate, and the sum of ~~eighty-three dollars (\$83.00)~~ one hundred five dollars (\$105.00) in the superior court, to be remitted to the State Treasurer. For a person convicted of a felony in superior court who has made a first appearance in district court, both the district court and superior court fees shall be assessed. The State Treasurer shall remit the sum of one dollar and five cents (\$1.05) of each fee collected under this subdivision to the North Carolina State Bar for the provision of services described in G.S. 7A-474.4, and ninety-five cents (\$.95) of each fee collected under this subdivision to

1 the North Carolina State Bar for the provision of services described in
2 G.S. 7A-474.19."

3 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 7A-305(a)(2) reads as rewritten:

4 "(2) For support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of ~~sixty-nine~~
5 ~~dollars (\$69.00)~~ ninety-one dollars (\$91.00) in the superior court, and
6 the sum of ~~fifty-four dollars (\$54.00)~~ seventy-six dollars (\$76.00) in
7 the district court except that if the case is assigned to a magistrate the
8 sum shall be ~~forty-three dollars (\$43.00)~~ sixty-five dollars (\$65.00).
9 Sums collected under this subdivision shall be remitted to the State
10 Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall remit the sum of one dollar and
11 five cents (\$1.05) of each fee collected under this subdivision to the
12 North Carolina State Bar for the provision of services described in
13 G.S. 7A-474.4, and ninety-five cents (\$.95) of each fee collected under
14 this subdivision to the North Carolina State Bar for the provision of
15 services described in G.S. 7A-474.19."

16 **SECTION 4.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2005, and
17 applies to jury service on or after that date. Section 2 of this act becomes effective July
18 1, 2005, and applies to all costs assessed or collected on or after that date, except that in
19 misdemeanor or infraction cases disposed of on or after that date by written appearance,
20 waiver of trial or hearing, and plea of guilt or admission of responsibility pursuant to
21 G.S. 7A-180(4) or G.S. 7A-273(2), in which the citation or other criminal process was
22 issued before that date, the cost shall be the lesser of those specified in G.S. 7A-304(a),
23 as amended by Section 2 of this act, or those specified in the notice portion of the
24 defendant's or respondent's copy of the citation or other criminal process, if any costs
25 are specified in that notice. The remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 2005,
26 and applies to costs assessed or collected on or after that date.