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HOUSE BILL 1442

Short Title: Increase Juror Fees/Court Costs.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Faison; and Harrison.

Referred to: Finance.

April 16, 2007

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) for the first day of service and twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day afterwards,~~ thirty dollars (\$30.00) 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 ~~forty dollars (\$40.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day for each day of service in excess of five days. ~~A grand juror shall receive twenty dollars (\$20.00) 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 ~~eighty-five dollars and fifty cents (\$85.50)~~ eighty-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$89.50) in the district court, including cases before a magistrate, and the sum of ~~ninety-two dollars and fifty cents (\$92.50)~~ ninety-six dollars and fifty cents (\$96.50) 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

1 (\$95) of each fee collected under this subdivision to the North  
2 Carolina State Bar for the provision of services described in  
3 G.S. 7A-474.19."

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

5 "(2) For support of the General Court of Justice, the sum of ~~seventy-nine~~  
6 ~~dollars (\$79.00)~~ eighty-three dollars (\$83.00) in the superior court,  
7 except that if a case is assigned to a special superior court judge as a  
8 complex business case under G.S. 7A-45.3, an additional two hundred  
9 dollars (\$200.00) shall be paid upon its assignment, and the sum of  
10 ~~sixty four dollars (\$64.00)~~ sixty-eight dollars (\$68.00) in the district  
11 court except that if the case is assigned to a magistrate the sum shall be  
12 fifty-three dollars (\$53.00). Sums collected under this subdivision shall  
13 be remitted to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall remit the  
14 sum of one dollar and five cents (\$1.05) of each fee collected under  
15 this subdivision to the North Carolina State Bar for the provision of  
16 services described in G.S. 7A-474.4, and ninety-five cents (\$.95) of  
17 each fee collected under this subdivision to the North Carolina State  
18 Bar for the provision of services described in G.S. 7A-474.19."

19 **SECTION 4.** Section 1 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2007, and  
20 applies to jury service on or after that date. Section 2 of this act becomes effective July  
21 1, 2007, and applies to all costs assessed or collected on or after that date, except that in  
22 misdemeanor or infraction cases disposed of on or after that date by written appearance,  
23 waiver of trial or hearing, and plea of guilt or admission of responsibility pursuant to  
24 G.S. 7A-180(4) or G.S. 7A-273(2), in which the citation or other criminal process was  
25 issued before that date, the cost shall be the lesser of those specified in G.S. 7A-304(a),  
26 as amended by Section 2 of this act, or those specified in the notice portion of the  
27 defendant's or respondent's copy of the citation or other criminal process, if any costs  
28 are specified in that notice. The remainder of this act becomes effective July 1, 2007,  
29 and applies to costs assessed or collected on or after that date.