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SENATE BILL DRS35182-ND-107

Short Title: Increase Juror Pay.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Applewhite (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO RAISE THE PAY RATE OF JURORS.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-312(a) reads as rewritten:

5 "(a) A juror in the General Court of ~~Justice~~ Justice, including a petit juror, ~~or~~ a coroner's
6 juror, ~~but excluding and~~ a grand juror, shall receive ~~twelve dollars (\$12.00) for the first day of~~
7 ~~service and twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day afterwards, except that if any person serves as a juror~~
8 ~~for more than five days in any 24-month period, the juror shall receive forty dollars (\$40.00) per~~
9 ~~day for each day of service in excess of five days. A grand juror shall receive twenty dollars~~
10 ~~(\$20.00) per day. pay in an amount equal to the minimum wage required by G.S. 95-25.3(a) for~~
11 ~~each hour of service as a juror.~~ A juror required to remain overnight at the site of the trial shall
12 be furnished adequate accommodations and subsistence. If required by the presiding judge to
13 remain in a body during the trial of a case, meals shall be furnished the jurors during the period
14 of sequestration. Jurors ~~from out of the county summoned to sit on a special venire~~ shall receive
15 mileage at the same rate as State employees. Persons summoned as jurors shall be exempt during
16 their period of service from paying a ferry toll required under G.S. 136-82 to travel to and from
17 their homes and the site of that service."

18 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2023, and applies to jurors
19 serving on or after that date.



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