

CHAPTER 245

COURT ADMINISTRATOR

S. F. 147

AN ACT amending the duties of the court administrator.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section six hundred two point eighteen (602.18), subsection
2 tion two (2), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

3 2. The number of judgeships to which each of the judicial districts
4 shall be entitled shall be determined from time to time according to
5 the following formula, giving equal weight to cases filed and popula-
6 tion: In districts containing a city of fifty thousand or more popula-
7 tion, there shall be one judgeship per five hundred fifty combined civil
8 and criminal filings and forty thousand population, or major fraction
9 of either; in all other districts there shall be one judgeship per four
10 hundred fifty combined civil and criminal filings and forty thousand
11 population, or major fraction of either; provided, the seat of govern-
12 ment shall be entitled to one additional judgeship. The filings includ-
13 ed in the determinations to be made under this subsection shall not
14 include small claims, *or nonindictable misdemeanors, filed after June*
15 *30, 1973, and nor shall they include either civil actions for money*
16 *judgment where the amount in controversy does not exceed three*
17 *thousand dollars or indictable misdemeanors, which were assigned to*
18 *district associate judges and judicial magistrates as shown on their ad-*
19 *ministrative reports, but they shall include appeals from decisions of*
20 *judicial magistrates, district associate judges, and district judges sitting*
21 *as judicial magistrates. The figures on filings shall be the average for*
22 *the latest available previous three-year period and when current census*
23 *figures on population are not available, figures shall be taken from the*
24 *state department of health computations.*

1 SEC. 2. Section six hundred two point eighteen (602.18), subsection
2 eight (8), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

3 8. During ~~January~~ *February* of each year, and at such other times
4 as may be appropriate, the supreme court administrator shall make the
5 determinations required under this section, and shall notify the nomi-
6 nating commissions involved and the governor of any appointments
7 that may be required as a result thereof.

1 SEC. 3. Section six hundred two point fifty (602.50), subsection six
2 (6), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

3 6. Oath and instruction. Before assuming office, a judicial mag-
4 istrate shall subscribe and file in the office of the clerk of the district
5 court of the county of his residence his oath of office to uphold and
6 support the Constitutions of the United States of America and state of
7 Iowa, the laws enacted pursuant thereto, and the law and ordinances
8 of the political subdivisions of the state of Iowa. Annually, the su-
9 preme court administrator shall cause a school of instruction to be con-
10 ducted for judicial magistrates, ~~which shall include a comprehensive~~
11 ~~examination over the material presented,~~ and ~~which~~ each judicial mag-
12 istrate appointed as provided in this chapter prior to the time he takes
13 office shall attend unless excused by the chief justice for good cause. A
14 judicial magistrate appointed under this section to fill a vacancy shall
15 attend the first school of instruction held following his appointment
16 unless excused by the chief justice for good cause.

1 SEC. 4. Section six hundred two point fifty-seven (602.57), unnum-
 2 bered paragraphs one (1) and three (3), Code 1975, are amended to read
 3 as follows:

4 Except as provided in section 602.58, there shall be a total of one
 5 hundred ninety-one Iowa judicial magistrates to be appointed pursuant
 6 to section 602.50. During ~~January~~ *February* of ~~1975~~ 1977 and every
 7 two years thereafter, the supreme court administrator shall apportion
 8 the number of judicial magistrates to be so appointed among the coun-
 9 ties in accordance with the following criteria:

10 During ~~February~~ *March* of ~~1975~~ 1977 and during ~~February~~ *March* of
 11 every two years thereafter, the supreme court administrator shall noti-
 12 fy the clerk of the district court of each county and the chief judge of
 13 the appropriate judicial district, of the number of magistrates to which
 14 the county is entitled.

1 SEC. 5. Section six hundred two point fifty-seven (602.57), subsec-
 2 tion five (5), Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

3 5. The number and types of juvenile proceedings handled by district
 4 associate judges *and full-time magistrates.*

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CHAPTER 246

FEEES OF JURORS

S. F. 184

AN ACT increasing the mileage rate and certain fees paid to jurors and the witness fees and mileage paid to witnesses.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Section six hundred seven point five (607.5), Code 1975,
 2 is amended to read as follows:

3 **607.5 Fees of jurors.** Grand jurors and petit jurors in all courts
 4 shall receive *ten dollars as compensation* for each day's service or at-
 5 tendance, including attendance required for the purpose of being con-
 6 sidered for service, ~~ten dollars,~~ *mileage expenses at the rate of fifteen*
 7 *cents per mile* for each mile traveled each day to and from their resi-
 8 dences to the place of attendance, ~~ten cents,~~ and ~~for~~ actual expenses of
 9 parking, as determined by the clerk of court. No juror shall receive
 10 mileage for travel or actual expenses of parking when he travels in a
 11 vehicle for which another juror is receiving mileage.

1 SEC. 2. Section six hundred twenty-two point sixty-nine (622.69),
 2 Code 1975, is amended to read as follows:

3 **622.69 Witness fees.** Witnesses shall receive ~~three~~ *ten* dollars for
 4 each *full* day's attendance, *and five dollars for each attendance less*
 5 *than a full day,* and mileage expenses *at the rate of fifteen cents per*
 6 *mile* for each mile actually traveled.

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This Act was passed by the G.A. prior to July 1, 1975; see §3.7 of the Code