

Senate Study Bill 308

Conference Committee Text

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1 1 Section 1. Section [602.8105](#), subsection 1, Code 1995, is
1 2 amended by adding the following new paragraph:

1 3 NEW PARAGRAPH. f. For filing a request for a jury trial
1 4 in a civil case, twenty dollars which shall be known as the
1 5 juror notification fee and used for the purposes provided for
1 6 in section 607A.35.

1 7 Sec. 2. Section [607A.8](#), Code 1995, is amended to read as
1 8 follows:

1 9 607A.8 FEES AND EXPENSES FOR JURORS.

1 10 Grand jurors and petit jurors in all courts shall receive
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- twenty dollars as compensation for each day's service or
1 12 attendance, including attendance required for the purpose of
1 13 being considered for service, reimbursement for mileage
1 14 expenses at the rate specified in section 70A.9 or section
1 15 602.1509 for each mile traveled each day to and from their
1 16 residences to the place of service or attendance, and
1 17 reimbursement for actual expenses of parking, as determined by
1 18 the clerk. A juror shall not receive reimbursement for
1 19 mileage expenses or actual expenses of parking when the juror
1 20 travels in a vehicle for which another juror is receiving
1 21 reimbursement for mileage and parking expenses.

1 22 Sec. 3. Section [607A.36](#), Code 1995, is amended to read as
1 23 follows:

1 24 607A.36 CONTEMPT.

1 25 If a person fails to appear when notified to report or at a
1 26 regularly scheduled meeting, without providing a sufficient
1 27 cause, the court may impose a fifty dollar fine on the person
1 28 or may issue an order requiring the person to appear and show
1 29 cause why the person should not be punished for contempt, and
1 30 unless the person provides a sufficient cause for the failure,
1 31 the person may be punished for contempt.

1 32 Sec. 4. Section [625.8](#), subsection 1, Code 1995, is amended
1 33 to read as follows:

1 34 1. The clerk of the district court shall tax as a court
1 35 cost a jury fee of

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- twenty dollars for each juror impaneled

2 1 in every action tried to a jury.

2 2 Sec. 5. STUDY. The judicial department shall report to
2 3 the chairpersons and ranking members of the senate and house
2 4 committees on judiciary by January 15, 1996, concerning
2 5 methods of notifying and selecting jurors that ensure, in
2 6 part, that juror lists are kept updated on an annual basis.

2 7 EXPLANATION

2 8 This bill concerns jurors in civil cases. The bill
2 9 provides that a party in a civil case requesting a jury trial
2 10 shall pay a fee of \$20 to be used in connection with the costs
2 11 needed to notify jurors. The bill also increases from \$10 to
2 12 \$20 the daily fee paid to jurors. The bill also authorizes
2 13 the imposition of a \$50 fine on an individual who fails to
2 14 report in response to a jury notice. The bill also provides
2 15 that the clerk of district court can tax as a court cost for a

2 16 jury fee \$20 for each juror impaneled in the case. Currently,
2 17 the clerk can tax \$10 as a jury fee. Finally, the bill
2 18 provides that the judicial department study the method of
2 19 selecting and notifying jurors and make a report to the
2 20 judiciary committee of each house by January 15, 1996.
2 21 LSB 1974SC 76
2 22 ec/cf/24