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HOUSE FILE
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing compensation for grand jurors and petit jurors.
2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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HF 139

1 Section 1. Section 607A.8, Code 1997, is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 607A.8 FEES AND EXPENSES FOR JURORS.

4 Grand jurors and petit jurors in all courts shall receive
5 ~~ten~~ forty dollars as compensation for each day's service or
6 attendance, including attendance required for the purpose of
7 being considered for service, reimbursement for mileage
8 expenses at the rate specified in section 602.1509 for each
9 mile traveled each day to and from their residences to the
10 place of service or attendance, and reimbursement for actual
11 expenses of parking, as determined by the clerk. A juror who
12 is a person with a disability may receive reimbursement for
13 the costs of alternate transportation from the juror's
14 residence to the place of service or attendance. A juror
15 shall not receive reimbursement for mileage expenses or actual
16 expenses of parking when the juror travels in a vehicle for
17 which another juror is receiving reimbursement for mileage and
18 parking expenses.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill provides that grand jurors and petit jurors are
21 to be paid \$40 for each day's service or attendance, including
22 attendance required for the purpose of being considered for
23 service. Currently, they are paid \$10 per day.

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**HOUSE FILE 139
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for **House File 139** is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

House File 139 increases the fee paid to grand jurors and petit jurors for each day of service from ten dollars to forty dollars per day.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. The total number of juror days in FY 1996 was 120,000 (\$10 per day x 120,000 juror days = \$1.2 million annually). The estimated number of juror days for FY 1998 is the same as FY 1996 - 120,000.
2. Jurors will be paid forty dollars per day for each day served (\$40 per day x 120,000 juror days = \$4.8 million annually).

FISCAL IMPACT

The impact of House File 139 to increase juror payments from ten dollars to forty dollars per day, is an increase to the General Fund of \$3.6 million annually.

SOURCES

Judicial Department

(LSB 1800hh, TCF)

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