

House File 598 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 65)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to jury service compensation, reimbursement, and
2 confidentiality.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
4 TLSB 1383HV 82
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1 1 Section 1. Section 607A.8, Code 2007, is amended by
1 2 striking the section and inserting in lieu thereof the
1 3 following:

1 4 607A.8 FEES AND EXPENSES FOR JURORS.

1 5 1. A grand juror and a petit juror in all courts shall
1 6 receive thirty dollars as compensation for each day's service
1 7 or attendance, including attendance required for the purpose
1 8 of being considered for service. The supreme court may adopt
1 9 rules that allow additional compensation for jurors whose
1 10 attendance and service exceeds seven days.

1 11 2. A grand juror and a petit juror in all courts shall
1 12 receive reimbursement for mileage expenses at the rate
1 13 specified in section 602.1509 for each mile traveled each day
1 14 to and from the residence of the juror to the place of service
1 15 or attendance, and shall receive reimbursement for actual
1 16 expenses of parking, as determined by the clerk of the
1 17 district court. A juror who is a person with a disability may
1 18 receive reimbursement for the costs of alternate
1 19 transportation from the residence of the juror to the place of
1 20 service or attendance. A juror shall not receive
1 21 reimbursement for mileage expenses or actual expenses of
1 22 parking when the juror travels in a vehicle for which another
1 23 juror is receiving reimbursement for mileage and parking
1 24 expenses.

1 25 3. A grand juror or a petit juror in all courts may waive
1 26 the right of the juror to receive compensation under
1 27 subsection 1 or reimbursement under subsection 2.

1 28 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 607A.47 JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE.

1 29 The court may, on its own motion, or upon the motion of a
1 30 party to the case or upon the request of a juror, order the
1 31 sealing or partial sealing of a completed juror questionnaire,
1 32 if the court finds that it is necessary to protect the safety
1 33 or privacy of a juror or a family member of a juror.

1 34 EXPLANATION

1 35 This bill relates to jury service including compensation,
2 1 reimbursement, and confidentiality.

2 2 The bill raises juror compensation from \$10 to \$30 for each
2 3 day of service or attendance, including attendance required
2 4 for the purpose of being considered for service.

2 5 The bill does not change juror reimbursement rates for each
2 6 mile traveled to and from the residence of the juror to the
2 7 place of service or attendance.

2 8 The bill permits a juror to waive the right of the juror to
2 9 receive compensation or reimbursement for service or
2 10 attendance.

2 11 The bill also provides that the court may seal or partially
2 12 seal a jury questionnaire if the court finds it necessary to
2 13 protect the safety or privacy of a juror or a family member of
2 14 a juror.

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