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SENATE BILL NO. 621

101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR BERNSKOETTER.

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ADRIANE D. CROUSE, Secretary

AN ACT

To repeal section 494.455, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the compensation of jurors.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 494.455, RSMo, is repealed and one new
2 section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 494.455,
3 to read as follows:

494.455. 1. Each county or city not within a county
2 may elect to compensate its jurors pursuant to subsection 2
3 of this section except as otherwise provided in subsection 3
4 of this section.

5 2. Each grand and petit juror shall receive six
6 dollars per day, for every day he or she may actually serve
7 as such, and seven cents for every mile he or she may
8 necessarily travel going from his or her place of residence
9 to the courthouse and returning, to be paid from funds of
10 the county or a city not within a county. The governing
11 body of each county or a city not within a county may
12 authorize additional daily compensation and mileage
13 allowance for jurors, which additional compensation shall be
14 paid from the funds of the county or a city not within a
15 county. The governing body of each county or a city not
16 within a county may authorize additional daily compensation
17 and mileage allowance for jurors attending a coroner's
18 inquest. Jurors may receive the additional compensation and

19 mileage allowance authorized by this subsection only if the
20 governing body of the county or the city not within a county
21 authorizes the additional compensation. The provisions of
22 this subsection authorizing additional compensation shall
23 terminate upon the issuance of a mandate by the Missouri
24 supreme court which results in the state of Missouri being
25 obligated or required to pay any such additional
26 compensation even if such additional compensation is
27 formally approved or authorized by the governing body of a
28 county or a city not within a county. Provided that a
29 county or a city not within a county authorizes daily
30 compensation payable from county or city funds for jurors
31 who serve in that county pursuant to this subsection in the
32 amount of at least six dollars per day in addition to the
33 amount required by this subsection, a person shall receive
34 an additional six dollars per day to be reimbursed by the
35 state of Missouri so that the total compensation payable
36 shall be at least eighteen dollars, plus mileage for each
37 day that the person actually serves as a petit juror in a
38 particular case; or for each day that a person actually
39 serves as a grand juror during a term of a grand jury. The
40 state shall reimburse the county for six dollars of the
41 additional juror compensation provided by this subsection.

42 3. **(1)** In any county of the first classification
43 without a charter form of government and with a population
44 of at least two hundred thousand inhabitants, no grand or
45 petit juror shall receive compensation for the first two
46 days of service, but shall receive fifty dollars per day for
47 the third day and each subsequent day he or she may actually
48 serve as such, and seven cents for every mile he or she may
49 necessarily travel going from his or her place of residence

50 to the courthouse and returning, to be paid from funds of
51 the county.

52 **(2) Except as provided in subdivision (1) of this**
53 **subsection, in any county, upon adoption by order or**
54 **ordinance of the county commission, no grand or petit juror**
55 **shall receive compensation for the first two days of**
56 **service, but shall receive fifty dollars per day for the**
57 **third day and each subsequent day he or she may actually**
58 **serve as such, and seven cents for every mile he or she may**
59 **necessarily travel going from his or her place of residence**
60 **to the courthouse and returning, to be paid from funds of**
61 **the county; except that, a county commission may authorize**
62 **compensation to a grand or petit juror for the first two**
63 **days of service not to exceed ten dollars.**

64 4. When each panel of jurors summoned and attending
65 court has completed its service, the board of jury
66 commissioners shall cause to be submitted to the governing
67 body of the county or a city not within a county a statement
68 of fees earned by each juror. Within thirty days of the
69 submission of the statement of fees, the governing body
70 shall cause payment to be made to those jurors summoned the
71 fees earned during their service as jurors.

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