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**STATE OF MICHIGAN
99TH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2017**

Introduced by Rep. Lucido

ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 4209

AN ACT to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled “An act to revise and consolidate the statutes relating to the organization and jurisdiction of the courts of this state; the powers and duties of the courts, and of the judges and other officers of the courts; the forms and attributes of civil claims and actions; the time within which civil actions and proceedings may be brought in the courts; pleading, evidence, practice, and procedure in civil and criminal actions and proceedings in the courts; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state governmental officers and entities; to provide remedies and penalties for the violation of certain provisions of this act; to repeal all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with or contravening any of the provisions of this act; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,” by amending section 1344 (MCL 600.1344), as amended by 2002 PA 739.

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

Sec. 1344. (1) A juror must be reimbursed for his or her traveling expenses at a rate, determined by the county board of commissioners, that is not less than 10 cents per mile or, beginning April 1, 2018, not less than 20 cents per mile for traveling from the juror’s residence to the place of holding court and returning for each day or 1/2 day of actual attendance at sessions of the court.

(2) A juror also must be compensated at a rate, determined by the county board of commissioners, as follows:

(a) Except as provided in subdivision (b), a rate determined as follows:

(i) For the first day or 1/2 day of actual attendance at the court, not less than \$25.00 per day and \$12.50 per 1/2 day.

(ii) For each subsequent day or 1/2 day of actual attendance at the court, not less than \$40.00 per day and \$20.00 per 1/2 day.

(b) Beginning April 1, 2018, and every subsequent fiscal year, if, as of the end of the 2 most recent fiscal years, the state court administrator, at the direction of the supreme court and upon confirmation by the state treasurer, determines that sufficient funds are available in the juror compensation reimbursement fund created in section 151d, a rate determined as follows:

(i) For the first day or 1/2 day of actual attendance at the court, not less than \$30.00 per day and \$15.00 per 1/2 day.

(ii) For each subsequent day or 1/2 day of actual attendance at the court, not less than \$45.00 per day and \$22.50 per 1/2 day.

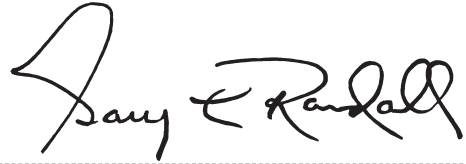
(3) If an action is removed from the circuit court to a lower court, the jury fee must be paid to the circuit court whether paid before or after removal of the action to the lower court, and the circuit court is responsible for payment of the compensation to the juror involved.

(4) A clerk or deputy clerk of the court who fraudulently issues a certificate of attendance of a juror on which the juror receives pay, except as allowed by law, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 6 months or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.

(5) As used in this section, "sufficient funds" means an amount exceeding \$2,000,000.00 in the juror compensation reimbursement fund created in section 151d.

Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days after the date it is enacted into law.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



Clerk of the House of Representatives



Secretary of the Senate

Approved

Governor