

2022 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL NO. 378

Offered January 12, 2022

Prefiled January 11, 2022

A BILL to amend and reenact § 17.1-618 of the Code of Virginia, relating to jury duty; allowance increase.

Patrons—Williams Graves, Clark, Glass, Hope, Jenkins, Keam, Kory, Maldonado, McQuinn, Mullin, Plum, Rasoul, Reid, Scott, D.L., Shin, Simonds and Watts

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 17.1-618 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 17.1-618. Allowances for jurors; expenses of keeping jury together; fees of jury commissioners and commissioner in chancery for drawing of juries.

A. Every person summoned as a juror in a civil or criminal case shall be entitled to ~~thirty dollars~~ *the following allowance* for each day of attendance upon the court for expenses of travel incident to jury service and other necessary and reasonable costs as the court may direct:

1. Prior to July 1, 2022: \$30;

2. Beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023: \$40;

3. Beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024: \$45;

4. From and after July 1, 2024: \$50.

B. Jurors summoned from another political subdivision pursuant to § 8.01-363 may be allowed by the court, in addition to the above allowance, their actual expenses. When kept together overnight under the supervision of the court, the jurors and the sheriff or his deputies keeping the jury shall be furnished suitable board and lodging. Reimbursement for board and lodging shall be set by the judge in an amount not to exceed the amount authorized by travel regulations promulgated pursuant to § 2.2-2823. Allowances and other costs will be allowed a juror in only one case the same day.

C. Every person serving as a jury commissioner and every person serving as a commissioner in chancery for the drawing of juries for a circuit court of this Commonwealth may be allowed, by the court appointing him, a fee not exceeding ~~thirty dollars~~ *the following amount* per day for the time actually engaged in such work and such other necessary and reasonable costs as the court may direct:

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