

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 20—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION)

PREFILED JANUARY 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises the provisions pertaining to travel costs that jurors are entitled to receive. (BDR 1-323)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

CONTAINS UNFUNDED MANDATE (§ 1)
(NOT REQUESTED BY AFFECTED LOCAL GOVERNMENT)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in **bolded italics** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to juries; revising the provisions pertaining to travel costs that jurors are entitled to receive; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

- 1 This bill decreases the required distance a juror's home must be located from
2 the court in order to receive travel costs from 65 miles or more to 30 miles or more.
3 (NRS 6.150)

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 **Section 1.** NRS 6.150 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 6.150 1. Each person summoned to attend as a grand juror or
3 a trial juror in the district court or justice court is entitled to a fee of
4 \$40 for each day after the second day of jury selection that he is in
5 attendance in response to the venire or summons, including Sundays
6 and holidays.



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2. Each grand juror and trial juror in the district court or justice court actually sworn and serving is entitled to a fee of \$40 a day as compensation for each day of service.

3. In addition to the fees specified in subsections 1 and 2, a board of county commissioners may provide that, for each day of such attendance or service, each person is entitled to be paid a per diem allowance in an amount equal to the allowance for meals provided for state officers and employees generally while away from the office and within this State pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 281.160.

4. Each person summoned to attend as a grand juror or a trial juror in the district court or justice court and each grand juror and trial juror in the district court or justice court is entitled to receive 36.5 cents a mile for each mile necessarily and actually traveled if the home of the person summoned or serving as a juror is ~~65~~ 30 miles or more from the place of trial.

5. If the home of a person summoned or serving as such a juror is 65 miles or more from the place of trial and the selection, inquiry or trial lasts more than 1 day, he is entitled to receive an allowance for lodging at the rate provided by law for state employees, in addition to his daily compensation for attendance or service, for each day on which he does not return to his home.

6. In civil cases, any fee, per diem allowance or other compensation due each juror engaged in the trial of the cause must be paid each day in advance to the clerk of the court, or the justice of the peace, by the party who has demanded the jury. If the party paying this money is the prevailing party, the money is recoverable as costs from the losing party. If the jury from any cause is discharged in a civil action without finding a verdict and the party who demands the jury subsequently obtains judgment, the money so paid is recoverable as costs from the losing party.

7. The money paid by a county clerk to jurors for their services in a civil action or proceeding, which he has received from the party demanding the jury, must be deducted from the total amount due them for attendance as such jurors, and any balance is a charge against the county.

Sec. 2. The provisions of NRS 354.599 do not apply to any additional expenses of a local government that are related to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. This act becomes effective on July 1, 2007.

