

CHAPTER 28

S.B. No. 88

An Act relating to the reimbursement of jurors for travel and other expenses; amending Article 2122, Revised Statutes, as amended.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article 2122, Revised Statutes, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

“Article 2122. *REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES* [~~PAY~~] OF JURORS. (a) Each grand juror and each petit juror in a civil or criminal case in a district or criminal district court, county court, county court at law, or justice court is entitled to receive *as reimbursement for travel and other expenses an amount* not less than \$6 nor more than \$30 for each day or fraction of a day that he serves as a juror. The commissioners court of each county shall determine annually, within the minimum and maximum prescribed in this subsection, the amount of *the daily reimbursement of expenses* [~~per diem~~] for jurors, which shall be paid out of the jury fund of the county. A person who responds to the process of a court, but who is excused from petit jury service by the court for any cause after being tested on voir dire, is entitled to receive *as reimbursement for travel and other expenses an amount* not less than \$6 nor more than \$30 for each day or fraction of a day that he attends court in response to such process.

“(b) A check drawn on the jury fund by the clerk of the district court of a county may be transferred by endorsement and delivery and is receivable at par from the holder for all county taxes.”

SECTION 2. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

Passed the Senate on January 30, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0; passed the House on March 28, 1985, by the following vote: Yeas 135, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Approved: April 11, 1985

Effective: Immediately