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To: Fees and Salaries of
Public Officers

HOUSE BILL NO. 724

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-7-61, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO
2 REQUIRE EMPLOYERS TO SUPPLEMENT THE PAY OF AN EMPLOYEE SERVING AS
3 A JUROR IN COUNTY COURT; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

5 SECTION 1. Section 25-7-61, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
6 amended as follows:

7 25-7-61. (1) Fees of jurors shall be payable as follows:

8 (a) Grand jurors and petit jurors in the chancery,
9 county, circuit and special eminent domain courts shall be paid an
10 amount to be set by the board of supervisors, not to be less than
11 Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per day and not to be greater than
12 Forty Dollars (\$40.00) per day, plus mileage authorized in Section
13 25-3-41. In the trial of all cases where jurors are in charge of
14 bailiffs and are not permitted to separate, the sheriff with the
15 approval of the trial judge may pay for room and board of jurors
16 on panel for actual time of trial.

17 No grand juror shall receive any compensation except mileage
18 unless he shall have been sworn as provided by Section 13-5-45;
19 and no petit juror except those jurors called on special venires
20 shall receive any compensation authorized under this subsection
21 except mileage unless he shall have been sworn as provided by

22 Section 13-5-71.

23 (b) Jurors making inquisitions of idiocy, lunacy or of
24 unsound mind and jurors on coroner's inquest shall be paid Five
25 Dollars (\$5.00) per day plus mileage authorized in Section 25-3-41
26 by the county treasurer on order of the board of supervisors on
27 certificate of the clerk of the chancery court in which such
28 inquisition is held.

29 (c) Jurors in the justice courts shall be paid an
30 amount of not less than Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per day and not more
31 than Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) per day, to be established by the
32 board of supervisors. In all criminal cases in the justice court
33 wherein the prosecution fails, the fees of jurors shall be paid by
34 the county treasurer on order of the board of supervisors on
35 certificate of the county attorney in all counties that have
36 county attorneys, otherwise by the justice court judge.

37 (2) Any juror may return the fees provided as compensation
38 for service as a juror to the county which paid for such person's
39 service as a juror. The fees returned to the county may be
40 earmarked for a particular purpose to be selected by the juror,
41 including:

42 (a) The local public library;

43 (b) Local law enforcement;

44 (c) The Mississippi Fire Fighters Memorial Burn Center
45 fund created in Section 7-9-70, Mississippi Code of 1972; or

46 (d) Any other governmental agency.

47 (3) The employer of any person serving as a juror in county
48 court shall pay such person his salary less the amount such person
49 receives for jury duty for not more than one (1) week.

50 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
51 and after July 1, 2000.