

ASSEMBLY, No. 1721

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Assemblywoman QUIGLEY and Assemblyman  
IMPREVEDUTO

1 AN ACT concerning juror fees and amending P.L.1993, c.275.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. Section 19 of P.L.1993, c.275 (C.22A:1-1.1) is amended to read  
7 as follows:

8 19. [Every] a. Except as provided in subsection b. of this section,  
9 every person serving as a juror in New Jersey courts, whether as a  
10 grand or petit juror, shall receive, for each day's attendance at such  
11 courts, the sum of \$5.00. The Assignment Judge of the vicinage shall  
12 designate the method of juror payment.

13 The Assignment Judge shall keep an account of all juror fees paid  
14 under this section and provide each juror with a statement of the  
15 number of days the juror served and the amount of fees to which the  
16 juror is entitled.

17 b. In addition to the \$5.00 currently paid to each juror for each  
18 day's attendance, the board of chosen freeholders of a county may, at  
19 its option, choose to compensate jurors an added amount up to a  
20 maximum of \$45.00 per day per juror. A county that so chooses shall  
21 reimburse the Administrative Office of the Courts on an annual basis,  
22 or as provided by rules and directives promulgated by the New Jersey  
23 Supreme Court, for any additional sums paid to jurors pursuant to this  
24 subsection.

25 (cf: P.L.1993, c.275, s.19)

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27 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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32 Currently, compensation for jurors is \$5 per day, paid for by State  
33 funds. Under this bill, any county board of chosen freeholders would

**EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.**

**Matter underlined thus is new matter.**

1 be authorized to pay jurors in the county an additional amount from  
2 county funds, up to a maximum additional amount of \$45. Payment  
3 of any additional amount would be at the option of the county  
4 freeholders. Jurors in the counties which decide to pay the maximum  
5 would then be compensated a total of \$50 per day of service.

6 Procedurally, the State would administer the payment of the  
7 additional compensation on behalf of any county that chooses it; the  
8 county would then reimburse the State for these added expenditures.

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Allows counties to pay increased juror fees, at the counties' option.

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