

22A:1-1.1

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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LAWS OF: 2001 **CHAPTER:** 38
NJSA: 22A:1-1.1 (Compensation for jurors)
BILL NO: A601 (Substituted for SCS for S556, 907, 1275, 1398)

SPONSOR(S): Quigley and others

DATE INTRODUCED: Pre-filed

COMMITTEE: **ASSEMBLY:** Judiciary

SENATE: Judiciary

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

DATE OF PASSAGE: **ASSEMBLY:** June 5, 2000

SENATE: February 15, 2001

DATE OF APPROVAL: March 23, 2001

FOLLOWING ARE ATTACHED IF AVAILABLE:

FINAL TEXT OF BILL (Assembly Committee Substitute – 1st reprint)

(Amendments during passage denoted by superscript numbers)

A601

SPONSORS STATEMENT: (Begins on page 2 of original bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** Yes 2-7-00
(Judiciary)

5-22-00 (Approp.)

SENATE: Yes 9-14-00 (Judiciary)

11-9-00 (Budget)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

SCS for S556, 907, 1275 and 1398

SPONSORS STATEMENT (S556): (Begins on page 2 of original bill) Yes

SPONSORS STATEMENT (S907): (Begins on page 2 of original bill) Yes

SPONSORS STATEMENT (S1275): (Begins on page 2 of original bill) Yes

SPONSORS STATEMENT (S1398): (Begins on page 2 of original bill) Yes

COMMITTEE STATEMENT: **ASSEMBLY:** No

SENATE: Yes 9-14-00 (Judiciary)

Identical to Senate Judiciary Statement for A601

11-9-00 (Budget)

FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENTS: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE (S556): Yes

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE: Yes

Identical the Senate Committee Substitute for A601 (1st reprint)

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NEWSPAPER ARTICLES: Yes

"\$35 a day raise for jurors after 3 days," 3-23-2001 The Record, pA6

"Jurors get 1st pay hike in 52 years," 3-24-2001 Star Ledger, p.8

ASSEMBLY, No. 601

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman JOAN M. QUIGLEY

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Assemblyman ANTHONY IMPREVEDUTO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



A601 QUIGLEY, IMPREVEDUTO

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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:

5

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
34 be authorized to pay jurors in the county an additional amount from
35 county funds, up to a maximum additional amount of \$45. Payment
36 of any additional amount would be at the option of the county
37 freeholders. Jurors in the counties which decide to pay the maximum
38 would then be compensated a total of \$50 per day of service.

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

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.

ASSEMBLY JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 601

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: FEBRUARY 7, 2000

The Assembly Judiciary Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 601.

Currently, compensation for jurors is \$5 per day, paid for by State funds. Under this bill, any county board of chosen freeholders would be authorized to pay jurors in the county an additional amount from county funds, up to a maximum additional amount of \$45. Payment of any additional amount would be at the option of the county freeholders. Jurors in the counties which decide to pay the maximum would then be compensated a total of \$50 per day of service.

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

This bill was prefiled for introduction in the 2000 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.

ASSEMBLY, No. 601

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

209th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman JOAN M. QUIGLEY

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Assemblyman ANTHONY IMPREVEDUTO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Weinberg

SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Judiciary Committee with technical review.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/17/2000)

A601 QUIGLEY, IMPREVEDUTO

2

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

2

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

5

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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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 601

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

ADOPTED MAY 22, 2000

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman JOAN M. QUIGLEY

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Assemblyman RICHARD H. BAGGER

District 22 (Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union)

Assemblyman ANTHONY IMPREVEDUTO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Assemblyman JOHN C. GIBSON

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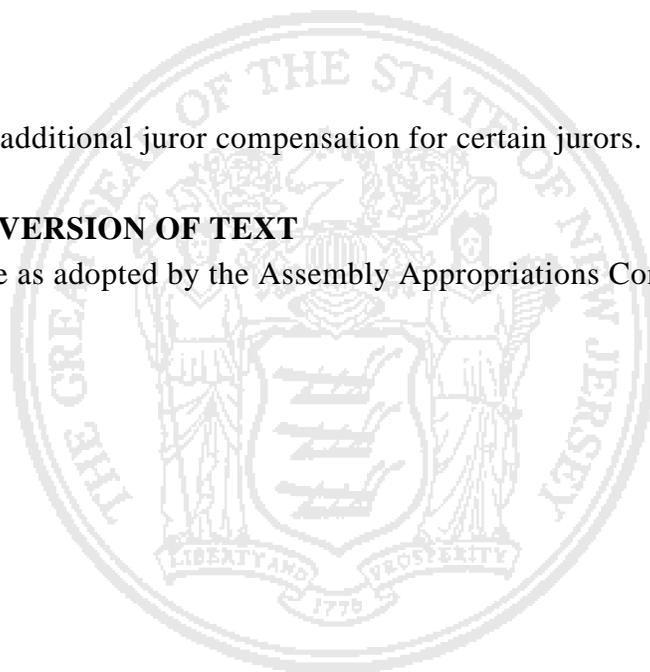
Assemblywoman Weinberg and Assemblyman Gusciora

SYNOPSIS

Provides additional juror compensation for certain jurors.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Assembly Appropriations Committee.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/6/2000)

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

2

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

5

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

8 19. a. Every person serving as a juror in New Jersey courts,
9 whether as a grand or petit juror, shall receive, for each day's
10 attendance at such courts, the sum of \$5.

11 b. In addition to the amounts received pursuant to subsection a.
12 of this section, each person serving as a juror, other than a person
13 compensated pursuant to N.J.S.2B:20-16, shall be paid \$35 for each
14 consecutive day of attendance in excess of three days. For the
15 purposes of this subsection, "consecutive" days of attendance shall be
16 counted excluding Saturdays, Sundays, State holidays and days when
17 a trial is in recess.

18 c. The Assignment Judge of the vicinage shall designate the
19 method of juror payment. The Assignment Judge shall keep an account
20 of all juror fees paid under this section and provide each juror with a
21 statement of the number of days the juror served and the amount of
22 fees to which the juror is entitled.

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

24

25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 601

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 22, 2000

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably an Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 601.

This Assembly Committee Substitute for Assembly Bill No. 601 increases the rate of juror compensation for certain jurors.

Currently, compensation for jurors is \$5 per day. This substitute provides an additional \$35 per day (for a total reimbursement of \$40) for most jurors for each consecutive day of attendance in excess of three days. For this purpose a "consecutive" day is measured without regard to Saturdays, Sundays, State holidays or days when a trial is in recess (trials frequently recess on Friday, when related motions are heard). The substitute excepts the State and local government employees who are, pursuant to N.J.S.2B:20-16, fully compensated at their regular rates of pay while attending court for jury service from receiving these additional amounts of pay.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts from available 1999 data collected through the automated jury management system, there were 132,699 juror days served that were consecutive days of attendance in excess of three days. Based on this figure, paying the additional \$35 compensation for each of those days in excess of three days to jurors would cost the State a total of \$4.64 million, assuming that all jurors are from the private sector. However, this cost estimate is overstated because it is probable that State and local governmental employees served as jurors.

Current State law (N.J.S.2B:20-16) fully compensates State and local government employees who serve as jurors at their regular rates of pay less the amount of per diem fee paid for each day of juror service. However, because the AOC does not currently retain records regarding the juror's employer, it is not possible to estimate how many State and local government employees served as jurors in 1999. The cost to implement this bill will be less than \$4.6 million.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 601

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 601.

Currently, compensation for jurors is \$5 per day. A601 would provide an additional \$35 per day (for a total reimbursement of \$40) for jurors for each consecutive day of attendance in excess of three days. For this purpose a "consecutive" day is measured without regard to Saturdays, Sundays, State holidays or days when a trial is in recess.

The amendments adopted by the committee appropriate \$4.6 million dollars to the AOC to cover additional juror costs. The amendments also clarify that public employees entitled under the provisions of N.J.S.2B:20-16 to their usual compensation while on jury duty would not be eligible for juror fees.

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
ASSEMBLY, No. 601

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

ADOPTED MAY 22, 2000

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman JOAN M. QUIGLEY

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Assemblyman RICHARD H. BAGGER

District 22 (Middlesex, Morris, Somerset and Union)

Assemblyman ANTHONY IMPREVEDUTO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Assemblyman JOHN C. GIBSON

District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)

Assemblyman KENNETH C. LEFEVRE

District 2 (Atlantic)

Assemblywoman NIA H. GILL

District 27 (Essex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman Weinberg, Assemblyman Gusciora, Senators Cafiero, Allen, Cardinale, Singer, Bucco, Inverso, Sacco, Gormley, Bennett, Kosco, Martin, Matheussen, Robertson, Girgenti, Lynch, O'Connor, Zane, Assemblywoman Greenstein and Assemblyman Connors

SYNOPSIS

Provides additional juror compensation for certain jurors; appropriates \$4,600,000.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Judiciary Committee on September 14, 2000, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/9/2001)

1 AN ACT concerning juror fees, amending P.L.1993, c.275 ¹and
2 N.J.S.2B:20-16 and making an appropriation¹.

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

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

9 19. a. Every person serving as a juror in New Jersey courts,
10 whether as a grand or petit juror, shall receive, for each day's
11 attendance at such courts, the sum of \$5.

12 b. In addition to the amounts received pursuant to subsection a.
13 of this section, each person serving as a juror, other than a person
14 compensated pursuant to N.J.S.2B:20-16, shall be paid \$35 for each
15 consecutive day of attendance in excess of three days. For the
16 purposes of this subsection, "consecutive" days of attendance shall be
17 counted excluding Saturdays, Sundays, State holidays and days when
18 a trial is in recess.

19 c. The Assignment Judge of the vicinage shall designate the
20 method of juror payment. The Assignment Judge shall keep an account
21 of all juror fees paid under this section and provide each juror with a
22 statement of the number of days the juror served and the amount of
23 fees to which the juror is entitled.

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

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26 ¹2. N.J.S.2B:20-16 is amended to read as follows:

27 2B:20-16. Excuse from employment for jury duty; compensation.

28 Any person employed full-time by any agency, independent
29 authority, instrumentality or entity of the State or of any political
30 subdivision of the State shall be excused from employment at all times
31 the person is required to be present for jury service in any court of this
32 State, any court of another state, or any federal district court or in the
33 United States District Court for New Jersey, and shall be entitled to
34 receive from the employer the person's usual compensation for each
35 day the person is present for jury service[, less the amount of per diem
36 fee for each day of jury service as shown on a statement issued to the
37 juror by the sheriff or other court officer making payment of juror
38 fees] in lieu of any payment for juror service as provided in P.L.1993,
39 c.275 (C.22A:1-1.1).

40 Source: 2A:69-5; 2A:69-5¹

41 (cf: P.L.1995, c.44, s.1)

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SJU committee amendments adopted September 14, 2000.

1 ¹3. (New section) There is appropriated to the Administrative
2 Office of the Courts from the General Fund \$4,600,000 for juror costs
3 created by this act.¹

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5 ¹[2.] 4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ASSEMBLY, No. 601

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2000

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 601 ACS (1R).

Currently, compensation for jurors is \$5 per day. This bill provides that, for each consecutive day of attendance in excess of three days, jurors would be eligible for an additional \$35 per day (i.e., for a total per diem reimbursement on those days of \$40). For this purpose a "consecutive" day is measured without regard to Saturdays, Sundays, State holidays or days when a trial is in recess.

The bill also clarifies that public employees, entitled under the provisions of N.J.S.2B:20-16 to their usual compensation while on jury duty, would not be eligible for juror fees.

The bill appropriates from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts the sum of \$4.6 million to fund the increased payments to jurors for which the legislation provides.

The provisions of this bill are identical to those of Senate Bill Nos. 556, 907, 1275 and 1398 (SCS), which the committee also reports this day.

FISCAL IMPACT

Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts from available 1999 data collected through the automated jury management system, there were 132,699 juror days served that were consecutive days of attendance in excess of three days. Based on this figure, paying the additional \$35 compensation for each of those days in excess of three days to jurors would cost the State a total of \$4.64 million, assuming that all jurors are from the private sector. However, this cost estimate is overstated because it is probable that State and local governmental employees served as jurors.

Current State law (N.J.S.2B:20-16) fully compensates State and local government employees who serve as jurors at their regular rates of pay less the amount of per diem fee paid for each day of juror service. However, because the AOC does not currently retain records regarding the juror's employer, it is not possible to estimate how many State and local government employees served as jurors in 1999. The annual cost to implement this bill will be less than \$4.6 million.

SENATE, No. 556

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2000 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator JAMES S. CAFIERO

District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)

Senator DIANE ALLEN

District 7 (Burlington and Camden)

SYNOPSIS

Increases juror compensation.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As Introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/12/2000)

S556 CAFIERO, ALLEN

2

1 AN ACT concerning the compensation of jurors amending P.L.1993,
2 c.275 and making an appropriation.

3

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

6

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

9 19. Every person serving as a juror in New Jersey courts, whether
10 as a grand or petit juror, shall receive, for each day's attendance at
11 such courts, the sum of [~~\$5.00~~] \$20.00. The Assignment Judge of the
12 vicinage shall 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 (cf: P.L.1993, c.275, s.19.)

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19 2. (New Section) The Administrative Office of the Courts shall
20 conduct a study of juror compensation to determine whether that
21 compensation is adequate. The study shall inquire of prospective
22 jurors the length of their term of jury service, whether they receive
23 compensation from their employers, and the amount of that
24 compensation, what their incidental expenses may be (such as for
25 transportation, parking and child care), and any other information
26 deemed relevant to the study.

27 A report on the juror compensation study shall be submitted to the
28 Legislature within 18 months after enactment of this act.

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30 3. (New section) There is appropriated from the General Fund to
31 the Administrative Office of the Courts the sum of \$5,000.00 to
32 implement the study required by this act.

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34 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill increases juror compensation from \$5 to \$20 per day and
40 imposes or increases certain court fees to defray the cost. The juror
41 mileage allowance is eliminated. The bill also directs the
42 Administrative Office of the Courts to conduct a study of the adequacy
43 of juror compensation and appropriates \$5,000 for that purpose.

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

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

FISCAL NOTE
SENATE, No. 556
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

DATED: AUGUST 17, 2000

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Increases juror compensation
Type of Impact: General Fund expenditure
Agencies Affected: Judiciary

Executive Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	\$7,315,685	\$7,310,685	\$7,310,685

- ! The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concurs with the Judiciary estimate.
- ! The bill increases juror compensation from \$5 to \$20 per day. The bill also directs the Administrative Office of the Courts to conduct a study of the adequacy of juror compensation and appropriates \$5,000 for that purpose.
- ! The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) states that data obtained from the Division of Trial Court Services indicate that there were 487,379 juror days (both petit and grand jury) during calendar year 1999. As a result, the AOC estimates that the bill's enactment would result in a \$7,310,685 increase in annual State expenditures. The AOC notes that the \$5,000 appropriation provided in the bill would be sufficient to fund the proposed juror compensation survey.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 556 of 2000 increases juror compensation from \$5 to \$20 per day. The bill also directs the Administrative Office of the Courts to conduct a study of the adequacy of juror compensation and appropriates \$5,000 for that purpose.

FISCAL ANALYSIS***EXECUTIVE BRANCH***

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) states that data obtained from the Division of Trial Court Services indicate that there were 487,379 juror days (both petit and grand jury) during calendar year 1999. Based on this, a \$15 per day increase in the juror reimbursement rate would result in a \$7,310,685 increase in annual State expenditures.

The AOC further notes that the \$5,000 appropriation provided in the bill would be sufficient to fund the proposed juror compensation survey.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) concurs with the Judiciary estimate.

Section: *Judiciary*

Analyst: *Anne C. Raughley*
Lead Fiscal Analyst

Approved: *Alan R. Kooney*
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

SENATE, No. 907

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 7, 2000

Sponsored by:

Senator GERALD CARDINALE

District 39 (Bergen)

Senator ROBERT W. SINGER

District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)

SYNOPSIS

Increases compensation for jurors selected after examination to \$50 per day.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT increasing the compensation for certain jurors, amending
2 P.L.1993, c.275.

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

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

9 19. a. Every person serving as a juror in New Jersey courts,
10 whether as a grand or petit juror, shall receive, for each day's
11 attendance at such courts, the sum of \$5.00.

12 b. In addition to the \$5.00 provided for in subsection a. of this
13 section, each juror who is selected after examination or voir dire to
14 serve as a grand or petit juror shall receive an additional \$45.00 for
15 each day's service as an impaneled and sworn juror in a trial or grand
16 jury.

17 c. The Assignment Judge of the vicinage shall designate the method
18 of juror payment. The Assignment Judge shall keep an account of all
19 juror fees paid under this section and provide each juror with a
20 statement of the number of days the juror served and the amount of
21 fees to which the juror is entitled.

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

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24 2. This act shall take effect on the 1st day of the second full month
25 following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill would increase the rate of compensation for jurors who are
31 selected after examination or voir dire to serve as trial or grand jurors
32 from \$5 per day to \$50 per day for each day's service as an impaneled
33 and sworn juror in a trial or grand jury. The purpose of this bill is to
34 increase the pool of persons who are willing to serve on juries when
35 such service will extend over several days or weeks by making persons
36 who are concerned about the length of time or their income, but who
37 would otherwise be willing jury members, more positive during the
38 jury selection process. This bill would also result in savings of time
39 and money for the courts, whose personnel and judges currently deal
40 with prospective jurors who delay the jury selection process, and
41 therefore the overall business of the courts, by engaging in various
42 tactics designed to discourage their selection.

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

SENATE, No. 1275

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 18, 2000

Sponsored by:

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris)

Senator PETER A. INVERSO

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

SYNOPSIS

Changes rate of compensation for juror service.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/20/2000)

S1275 BUCCO, INVERSO

2

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

2

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

5

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 person serving as a juror in New Jersey courts, whether
9 as a grand or petit juror, shall receive, for each day's attendance after
10 the first day at such courts, the sum of ~~[\$5.00]~~ \$25.00. The
11 Assignment Judge of the vicinage shall designate the method of juror
12 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 (cf: P.L.1993, c.275, s.19)

18

19 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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22 STATEMENT

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24 Presently, N.J.S.A.22A:1-1.1 provides that jurors serving in New
25 Jersey courts receive the sum of \$5.00 per day for each day of
26 attendance. This bill would increase the rate of compensation to
27 \$25.00 per day following the first day of service. The bill would
28 eliminate payment for the first day of service.

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

SENATE, No. 1398

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JUNE 15, 2000

Sponsored by:

Senator NICHOLAS J. SACCO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Provides additional juror compensation for certain jurors.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



S1398 SACCO

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1 AN ACT concerning juror fees, 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. a. Every person serving as a juror in New Jersey courts,
9 whether as a grand or petit juror, shall receive, for each day's
10 attendance at such courts, the sum of \$5.

11 b. In addition to the amounts received pursuant to subsection a. of
12 this section, each person serving as a juror, other than a person
13 compensated pursuant to N.J.S.2B:20-16, shall be paid \$35 for each
14 consecutive day of attendance in excess of three days. For the
15 purposes of this subsection, "consecutive" days of attendance shall be
16 counted excluding Saturdays, Sundays, State holidays and days when
17 a trial is in recess.

18 c. The Assignment Judge of the vicinage shall designate the method
19 of juror payment. The Assignment Judge shall keep an account of all
20 juror fees paid under this section and provide each juror with a
21 statement of the number of days the juror served and the amount of
22 fees to which the juror is entitled.

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

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25 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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30 This bill increases the rate of juror compensation for certain jurors.
31 Currently, compensation for jurors is \$5 per day. This bill provides an
32 additional \$35 per day (for a total reimbursement of \$40) for most
33 jurors for each consecutive day of attendance in excess of three days.

34 For this purpose a "consecutive" day is measured without regard to
35 Saturdays, Sundays, State holidays or days when a trial is in recess
36 (trials frequently recess on Friday, when related motions are heard).
37 The bill excepts the State and local government employees who are,
38 pursuant to N.J.S.2B:20-16, fully compensated at their regular rates
39 of pay while attending court for jury service from receiving these
40 additional amounts of pay.

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SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, Nos. 556, 907, 1275 and 1398

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

Sponsored by:

Senator JAMES S. CAFIERO

District 1 (Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland)

Senator DIANE ALLEN

District 7 (Burlington and Camden)

Senator GERALD CARDINALE

District 39 (Bergen)

Senator ROBERT W. SINGER

District 30 (Burlington, Monmouth and Ocean)

Senator ANTHONY R. BUCCO

District 25 (Morris)

Senator PETER A. INVERSO

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Senator NICHOLAS J. SACCO

District 32 (Bergen and Hudson)

Senator WILLIAM L. GORMLEY

District 2 (Atlantic)

Senator JOHN O. BENNETT

District 12 (Monmouth)

Senator LOUIS F. KOSCO

District 38 (Bergen)

Senator ROBERT J. MARTIN

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Senator JOHN J. MATHEUSSEN

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

Senator NORMAN M. ROBERTSON

District 34 (Essex and Passaic)

Senator JOHN A. GIRGENTI

District 35 (Passaic)

Senator JOHN A. LYNCH

District 17 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)

Senator EDWARD T. O'CONNOR

District 31 (Hudson)

Senator RAYMOND J. ZANE

District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)

SYNOPSIS

Provides additional juror compensation for certain jurors; appropriates \$4,600,000.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Substitute as adopted by the Senate Judiciary Committee.



1 AN ACT concerning juror fees, amending P.L.1993, c.275 and
2 N.J.S.2B:20-16 and making an appropriation.

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

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

9 19. a. Every person serving as a juror in New Jersey courts,
10 whether as a grand or petit juror, shall receive, for each day's
11 attendance at such courts, the sum of \$5.

12 b. In addition to the amounts received pursuant to subsection a.
13 of this section, each person serving as a juror, other than a person
14 compensated pursuant to N.J.S.2B:20-16, shall be paid \$35 for each
15 consecutive day of attendance in excess of three days. For the
16 purposes of this subsection, "consecutive" days of attendance shall be
17 counted excluding Saturdays, Sundays, State holidays and days when
18 a trial is in recess.

19 c. The Assignment Judge of the vicinage shall designate the
20 method of juror payment. The Assignment Judge shall keep an account
21 of all juror fees paid under this section and provide each juror with a
22 statement of the number of days the juror served and the amount of
23 fees to which the juror is entitled.

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

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26 2. N.J.S.2B:20-16 is amended to read as follows:

27 2B:20-16. Excuse from employment for jury duty; compensation.

28 Any person employed full-time by any agency, independent
29 authority, instrumentality or entity of the State or of any political
30 subdivision of the State shall be excused from employment at all times
31 the person is required to be present for jury service in any court of this
32 State, any court of another state, or any federal district court or in the
33 United States District Court for New Jersey, and shall be entitled to
34 receive from the employer the person's usual compensation for each
35 day the person is present for jury service[, less the amount of per diem
36 fee for each day of jury service as shown on a statement issued to the
37 juror by the sheriff or other court officer making payment of juror
38 fees] in lieu of any payment for juror service as provided in P.L.1993,
39 c.275 (C.22A:1-1.1).

40 Source: 2A:69-5; 2A:69-5

41 (cf: P.L.1995,c.44,s.1)

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43 3. (New section) There is appropriated to the Administrative

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SCS for **S556** CAFIERO, ALLEN

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- 1 Office of the Courts from the General Fund \$4,600,000 for juror costs
- 2 created by this act.
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- 4 4. This act shall take effect immediately.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, Nos. 556, 907, 1275 and 1398

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

The Senate Judiciary Committee reports favorably a committee substitute for Senate Bill Nos. 556, 907, 1275 and 1398.

Currently, compensation for jurors is \$5 per day. This bill would provide an additional \$35 per day (for a total reimbursement of \$40) for jurors for each consecutive day of attendance in excess of three days. For this purpose a "consecutive" day is measured without regard to Saturdays, Sundays, State holidays or days when a trial is in recess.

The bill appropriates \$4.6 million dollars to the AOC to cover additional juror costs. The bill also clarifies that public employees entitled under the provisions of N.J.S.2B:20-16 to their usual compensation while on jury duty would not be eligible for juror fees.

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR **SENATE, Nos. 556, 907, 1275 and 1398**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 9, 2000

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill Nos. 556, 907, 1275 and 1398 (SCS).

Currently, compensation for jurors is \$5 per day. This bill provides that, for each consecutive day of attendance in excess of three days, jurors would be eligible for an additional \$35 per day (i.e., for a total per diem reimbursement on those days of \$40). For this purpose a "consecutive" day is measured without regard to Saturdays, Sundays, State holidays or days when a trial is in recess.

The bill also clarifies that public employees, entitled under the provisions of N.J.S.2B:20-16 to their usual compensation while on jury duty, would not be eligible for juror fees.

The bill appropriates from the General Fund to the Administrative Office of the Courts the sum of \$4.6 million to fund the increased payments to jurors for which the legislation provides.

The provisions of this bill are identical to those of Assembly Bill No. 601 ACS (1R), which the committee also reports this day.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts from available 1999 data collected through the automated jury management system, there were 132,699 juror days served that were consecutive days of attendance in excess of three days. Based on this figure, paying the additional \$35 compensation for each of those days in excess of three days to jurors would cost the State a total of \$4.64 million, assuming that all jurors are from the private sector. However, this cost estimate is overstated because it is probable that State and local governmental employees served as jurors.

Current State law (N.J.S.2B:20-16) fully compensates State and local government employees who serve as jurors at their regular rates of pay less the amount of per diem fee paid for each day of juror service. However, because the AOC does not currently retain records regarding the juror's employer, it is not possible to estimate how many State and local government employees served as jurors in 1999. The annual cost to implement this bill will be less than \$4.6 million.

P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 38, *approved March 23, 2001*
Assembly Committee Substitute (*First Reprint*) for
Assembly, No. 601

1 AN ACT concerning juror fees, amending P.L.1993, c.275 ¹and
2 N.J.S.2B:20-16 and making an appropriation¹.

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

6

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

9 19. a. Every person serving as a juror in New Jersey courts,
10 whether as a grand or petit juror, shall receive, for each day's
11 attendance at such courts, the sum of \$5.

12 b. In addition to the amounts received pursuant to subsection a.
13 of this section, each person serving as a juror, other than a person
14 compensated pursuant to N.J.S.2B:20-16, shall be paid \$35 for each
15 consecutive day of attendance in excess of three days. For the
16 purposes of this subsection, "consecutive" days of attendance shall be
17 counted excluding Saturdays, Sundays, State holidays and days when
18 a trial is in recess.

19 c. The Assignment Judge of the vicinage shall designate the
20 method of juror payment. The Assignment Judge shall keep an account
21 of all juror fees paid under this section and provide each juror with a
22 statement of the number of days the juror served and the amount of
23 fees to which the juror is entitled.

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

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26 ¹2. N.J.S.2B:20-16 is amended to read as follows:

27 2B:20-16. Excuse from employment for jury duty; compensation.

28 Any person employed full-time by any agency, independent
29 authority, instrumentality or entity of the State or of any political
30 subdivision of the State shall be excused from employment at all times
31 the person is required to be present for jury service in any court of this
32 State, any court of another state, or any federal district court or in the
33 United States District Court for New Jersey, and shall be entitled to
34 receive from the employer the person's usual compensation for each
35 day the person is present for jury service[, less the amount of per diem
36 fee for each day of jury service as shown on a statement issued to the
37 juror by the sheriff or other court officer making payment of juror
38 fees] in lieu of any payment for juror service as provided in P.L.1993,
39 c.275 (C.22A:1-1.1).

40 Source: 2A:69-5; 2A:69-5¹

41 (cf: P.L.1995, c.44, s.1)

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Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹ Senate SJU committee amendments adopted September 14, 2000.

1 ¹3. (New section) There is appropriated to the Administrative
2 Office of the Courts from the General Fund \$4,600,000 for juror costs
3 created by this act.¹

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5 ¹[2.] 4.¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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10 Provides additional juror compensation for certain jurors; appropriates
11 \$4,600,000.

CHAPTER 38

AN ACT concerning juror fees, amending P.L.1993, c.275 and N.J.S.2B:20-16 and making an appropriation.

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

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

C.22A:1-1.1 Payment of juror fees.

19. a. Every person serving as a juror in New Jersey courts, whether as a grand or petit juror, shall receive, for each day's attendance at such courts, the sum of \$5.

b. In addition to the amounts received pursuant to subsection a. of this section, each person serving as a juror, other than a person compensated pursuant to N.J.S.2B:20-16, shall be paid \$35 for each consecutive day of attendance in excess of three days. For the purposes of this subsection, "consecutive" days of attendance shall be counted excluding Saturdays, Sundays, State holidays and days when a trial is in recess.

c. The Assignment Judge of the vicinage shall designate the method of juror payment. The Assignment Judge shall keep an account of all juror fees paid under this section and provide each juror with a statement of the number of days the juror served and the amount of fees to which the juror is entitled.

2. N.J.S.2B:20-16 is amended to read as follows:

Excuse from employment for jury duty; compensation.

2B:20-16. Excuse from employment for jury duty; compensation.

Any person employed full-time by any agency, independent authority, instrumentality or entity of the State or of any political subdivision of the State shall be excused from employment at all times the person is required to be present for jury service in any court of this State, any court of another state, or any federal district court or in the United States District Court for New Jersey, and shall be entitled to receive from the employer the person's usual compensation for each day the person is present for jury service in lieu of any payment for juror service as provided in P.L.1993, c.275 (C.22A:1-1.1).

Source: 2A:69-5; 2A:69-5

3. There is appropriated to the Administrative Office of the Courts from the General Fund \$4,600,000 for juror costs created by this act.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved March 23, 2001.

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RELEASE: March 23 , 2001

DIFRANCESCO SIGNS LEGISLATION INCREASING JURY DUTY COMPENSATION

Acting Governor Donald T. DiFrancesco today signed the following legislation into law:

A-601 sponsored by Assemblymembers Joan Quigley (D-Bergen/Hudson), Richard Bagger (R-Middlesex/Morris/Somerset/Union), Anthony Impreveduto (D-Bergen/Hudson), John Gibson (R-Cape May/Atlantic/Cumberland), Kenneth LeFevre (R-Atlantic) and Nia Gill (D-Essex), increases compensation for jurors from \$5 per day to \$40 for each consecutive day of jury service in excess of three days.

"This increase for jurors is long overdue. I fully support fair compensation for the New Jersey citizens fulfilling their jury duty obligation - a key component of our justice system," remarked DiFrancesco.

Jurors already compensated from their employers for jury service are exempt.

A-2517, sponsored by Assemblymen Leonard Lance (R-Warren/Hunterdon/Mercer) and Michael Arnone (R-Monmouth) and co-sponsored by Assemblymembers Ken LeFevre (R-Atlantic) and Mary Previte (D-Camden), allows problem gamblers to request placement on the Casino Control Commission's (CCC) list of individuals to be excluded and ejected from any licensed casino or simulcasting facility.

In addition to helping problem gamblers to help themselves, the bill requires the CCC to circulate regulations compelling casinos to establish internal controls for removing voluntarily excluded individuals from mailing lists and for denying access to check-cashing privileges, special club programs and the issuance of credit.

A licensed casino shall not be liable in a court proceeding for any harm, monetary or otherwise, that might arise from the failure of the casino to withhold or restore gambling privileges to a self-excluded person.

S-82, sponsored by Raymond Zane (D-Salem/Cumberland/Gloucester), allows duplicate personalized license plates on both owned and leased vehicles.

This bill permits the lessee or owner of a motor vehicle who obtains personalized license plates to obtain a second set of those plates for use on additional vehicles he or she owns or leases. In the past, personalized plates could not be put on leased vehicles.

S-1577, sponsored by Senator Gerald Cardinale (R-Bergen) extends a grandfather clause to November 1, 2002 to allow applicants for a master plumber's license to use employment or schooling to satisfy certain newly enacted eligibility requirements.

The State Plumbing License Law was amended in 1998 to require applicants for the master plumbing license examination to complete a four-year apprentice program approved by the Department of Labor (DOL). This legislation extends a prior grandfather clause by four years to allow employment or schooling in a program not approved by DOL to be substituted for a year of the approved apprenticeship program if performed prior to November 1, 2002.

S-463, sponsored by Senator Robert Singer (R-Burlington/Monmouth/Ocean), prohibits the use of certain materials to mark property boundaries unless it is clearly visible.

It was introduced in response to a tragic accident in which an all-terrain vehicle operator was killed as a result of driving into a non-visible cable being used as a fence in a wooded area

This legislation makes it a fourth-degree criminal offense to use wire, cable, or other similar devices as fencing material installed at a height under 10 feet, if it is not readily visible to pedestrians, equestrians, bicyclists or off-road vehicle operators, and poses a risk of causing significant bodily injury.