

HOUSE BILL No. 5551

April 24, 2012, Introduced by Reps. Jenkins, Hughes, Rendon, Jacobsen, Hooker, Heise, Gilbert, Kurtz and LaFontaine and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"
by amending section 1344 (MCL 600.1344), as amended by 2002 PA 739.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1344. (1) A juror shall be reimbursed for his or her
2 traveling expenses at a rate, determined by the county board of
3 commissioners, that is not less than ~~10~~22 cents per mile for
4 traveling from the juror's residence to the place of holding court
5 and returning for each day or 1/2 day of actual attendance at
6 sessions of the court.

7 (2) A juror also shall be compensated at a rate, determined by
8 the county board of commissioners, as follows:

9 ~~—— (a) Until October 1, 2003, not less than \$15.00 per day and~~
10 ~~\$7.50 per 1/2 day of actual attendance at the court.~~

~~(b) Beginning October 1, 2003, a rate determined as follows:~~

(A) ~~(i)~~ For the first day or 1/2 day of actual attendance at the court, not less than \$25.00 per day and \$12.50 per 1/2 day.

(B) ~~(ii)~~ For each subsequent day or 1/2 day of actual attendance at the court, not less than \$40.00 per day and \$20.00 per 1/2 day.

(3) If an action is removed from the circuit court to a lower court, the jury fee shall be paid to the circuit court whether paid before or after removal of the action to the lower court, and the circuit court shall be responsible for payment of the compensation to the juror involved.

(4) A clerk or deputy clerk of the court who fraudulently issues a certificate of attendance of a juror on which the juror receives pay, except as allowed by law, is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both.