

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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No. 131

H. P. 124

House of Representatives, January 23, 1979

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

EDWIN H. PERT, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Drinkwater of Belfast.

Cosponsors: Mrs. Hutchings of Lincolnville, Mr. Tozier of Unity and Mr. Lowe of Winterport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-NINE

AN ACT to Increase the Mileage Reimbursement and Compensation of Jurors.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

14 MRSA § 1215, as enacted by PL 1971, c. 391, § 1, is amended to read:

§ 1215. Mileage and compensation of jurors

A juror shall be paid mileage at the rate of ~~10¢~~ 15¢ per mile for his travel expenses from his residence to the place of holding court and return and shall be compensated at the rate of ~~\$20~~ \$30 for each day of required attendance at sessions of the court.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill increases juror daily fees to \$30 per day and increases juror mileage reimbursement to 15¢ a mile.

The present low juror fees and mileage reimbursement are insufficient to properly compensate persons who must take time away from work to serve as jurors. This bill will increase fees sufficiently to partially remove this impediment to jury duty.