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121st MAINE LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION-2003

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No. 452

H.P. 344

House of Representatives, February 4, 2003

An Act To Increase the Compensation of Jurors

Reference to the Committee on Judiciary suggested and ordered printed.

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Clerk

Presented by Representative GOODWIN of Pembroke.
Cosponsored by Representatives: BUNKER of Kossuth Township, CLARK of Millinocket,
JACKSON of Fort Kent.

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

4 **Sec. 1. 14 MRSA §1215**, as amended by PL 1991, c. 591, Pt. E,
§13, is repealed and the following enacted in its place:

6 **§1215. Mileage and compensation of jurors**

8 A juror is entitled to paid mileage at the rate of 32¢ per
10 mile for travel expenses from the juror's residence to the place
12 of holding court and return and to compensation for each day of
required attendance at sessions of the court in the following
amount:

14 1. Rate until July 1, 2004. Prior to July 1, 2004, \$10;

16 2. Rate beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005.
Beginning July 1, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005, \$25;

18 3. Rate beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006.
20 Beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, \$40; and

22 4. Rate beginning July 1, 2006. Beginning July 1, 2006,
24 \$55.

26 **Sec. 2. Payment of jurors.** Compensation provided to jurors
pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 14, section 1215
28 must be paid for through revenue raised from the levy of fees,
forfeitures, penalties and fines imposed pursuant to civil or
30 criminal action, notwithstanding any other dedication of those
fees, forfeitures, penalties and fines. The State Court
32 Administrator shall prepare legislation implementing this Act for
submission to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature
no later than December 1, 2003.

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36 **SUMMARY**

38 This bill increases the mileage paid to jurors from 15¢ to
32¢ per mile. This bill also increases the per diem paid to
40 jurors from \$10 to \$55 over a 2-year period beginning July 1,
2004. This bill also requires that payment for jurors come from
42 fines, forfeitures, penalties and fees levied pursuant to a
criminal or civil action and requires the State Court
44 Administrator to submit legislation implementing this payment
requirement.