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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 573, L.D. 1629, Bill, "An Act Regarding Jury Service"

Amend the bill by striking out all of section 1.

Amend the bill in section 2 in §1216 by striking out all of subsection 1 and inserting the following:

1. Frequency. Over the course of a person's life, the person may not be required:

A. To serve or attend court for prospective service as a traverse juror more than 3 times and not more often than once in any 5-year period. For purposes of this paragraph, a requirement to serve or attend court for possible service as a juror for more than 15 court days, except if necessary to complete service in a particular case, is considered a separate call to service as a juror;

B. To serve on more than 3 grand juries but not on more than one grand jury in any 5-year period; or

C. To serve as both a grand and traverse juror in any 5-year period.'

Amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any nonconsecutive Part letter or section number to read consecutively.

SUMMARY

This amendment deletes from the bill the proposed increases in mileage reimbursement and per diem payments to jurors.

This amendment revises the limitations on required jury service. Current law provides that a person may not be required to serve as a grand juror or traverse juror more than once every 5 years. The bill proposes to limit required service to a total of 3 times over a person's lifetime. This amendment limits required service to 3 times in a person's lifetime and no more than once in any 5-year period. It also retains the current law

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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- 1 limitation of traverse jury service to 15 court days, except if necessary to complete
- 2 service in a particular case.