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L.D. 57
(Filing No. H-90)

JUDICIARY

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**STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
127TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 51, L.D. 57, Bill, "An Act To Increase Mileage Reimbursement and Compensation for Jurors"

Amend the bill by adding after section 1 the following:

Sec. 2. Appropriations and allocations. The following appropriations and allocations are made.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding for an increase in the per diem paid to jurors from \$10 per day to \$20.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$240,469	\$320,625
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$240,469</u>	<u>\$320,625</u>

Courts - Supreme, Superior and District 0063

Initiative: Provides funding to increase the mileage rate paid to jurors from 15¢ per mile to the rate specified for state employees in the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 5, section 8, currently 44¢ per mile.

GENERAL FUND	2015-16	2016-17
All Other	\$220,400	\$293,867
GENERAL FUND TOTAL	<u>\$220,400</u>	<u>\$293,867</u>

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

1	JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT		
2	DEPARTMENT TOTALS	2015-16	2016-17
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4	GENERAL FUND	\$460,869	\$614,492
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6	DEPARTMENT TOTAL - ALL FUNDS	\$460,869	\$614,492
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8 **SUMMARY**

9 This amendment adds an appropriations and allocations section to the bill. It
10 appropriates funds to pay increased mileage reimbursement and increased per diem
11 compensation to jurors.

12 **FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED**

13 (See attached)



127th MAINE LEGISLATURE

LD 57

LR 681(02)

An Act To Increase Mileage Reimbursement and Compensation for Jurors

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "A" (H-90)
Committee: Judiciary
Fiscal Note Required: Yes

Fiscal Note

	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	Projections FY 2017-18	Projections FY 2018-19
Net Cost (Savings)				
General Fund	\$460,869	\$614,492	\$614,492	\$614,492
Appropriations/Allocations				
General Fund	\$460,869	\$614,492	\$614,492	\$614,492

Fiscal Detail and Notes

This bill includes General Fund appropriations to the Judicial Department of \$460,868 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$614,492 in fiscal year 2016-17 to increase juror mileage reimbursement from 15¢ per mile to the rate specified for state employees, currently 44¢ per mile, and to increase the per diem rate paid to jurors from \$10 to \$20.

The Governor's proposed biennial budget for 2016-2017 contains \$160,312 in fiscal year 2015-16 and \$454,179 in fiscal year 2016-17 to increase juror mileage reimbursement from 15¢ per mile to the rate specified for state employees, currently 44¢ per mile, beginning in the 2nd year of the biennium, fiscal year 2016-17, and to increase the per diem rate paid to jurors from \$10 to \$15. This bill is in conflict with the proposed biennial budget and may need to be revisited after final legislative action on that budget.