

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 402

Short Title: Jury Fee Waiver Program.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Clodfelter.

Referred to: Judiciary 1 (Civil).

February 28, 2007

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW JURORS TO WAIVE PAYMENT OF PER DIEM FEES AND
3 TO ALLOW THOSE FUNDS TO BE USED TO PROVIDE HUMAN SERVICES
4 WITHIN THAT DISTRICT.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-312 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 7A-312. Uniform fees for jurors; meals.**

8 (a) A juror in the General Court of Justice including a petit juror, or a coroner's
9 juror, but excluding a grand juror, shall receive twelve dollars (\$12.00) for the first day
10 of service and twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day afterwards, except that if any person
11 serves as a juror for more than five days in any 24-month period, the juror shall receive
12 forty dollars (\$40.00) per day for each day of service in excess of five days. A grand
13 juror shall receive twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day. A juror required to remain overnight
14 at the site of the trial shall be furnished adequate accommodations and subsistence. If
15 required by the presiding judge to remain in a body during the trial of a case, meals shall
16 be furnished the jurors during the period of sequestration. Jurors from out of the county
17 summoned to sit on a special venire shall receive mileage at the same rate as State
18 employees.

19 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a juror may waive payment of
20 the per diem fees provided for in that subsection. A juror waiving the fee may designate
21 that the fee be used for any of following services, if such services are provided in the
22 district: (i) client treatment and service programs associated with a drug treatment or
23 DWI treatment court program; (ii) courthouse self-help centers; (iii) courthouse child
24 care centers; (iv) legal aid programs operated by a nonprofit corporation operating
25 within the district; and (v) the Crime Victims Compensation Fund. If no such services
26 are provided within the district, then waived fees are transferred to the Crime Victims
27 Compensation Fund."

28 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007, and applies to jury
29 service that begins on or after that date.