

SENATE BILL 590

By Beavers

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 22.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 22-4-101, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 22-4-101.

(a) Every regular juror, including jurors on chancery court juries, is entitled to receive at least ten dollars (\$10.00) for each day's attendance.

(b) The legislative body of any county or the legislative body of the metropolitan government of any county having a metropolitan form of government may by vote increase this rate to an amount in excess of ten dollars (\$10.00) for each day's attendance and to allow all tolls necessarily incurred in going to and returning from court and mileage at the rate of ten cents (10¢) per mile on the way from the home of the juror to the courthouse of the county where the juror is summoned and attends. In the alternative, the county may pay each juror a flat rate of eleven dollars (\$11.00) per day, or any county with a metropolitan or home rule type of government may, at its option, set the compensation for each juror in its county by ordinance, to be paid out of the county treasury.

(c) This section shall not be intended or considered as repealing or rescinding any special or private act now in effect.

(d) The amount of fees or compensation of juries serving in all criminal actions shall be equal to that of juries serving in felony cases.

(e) Notwithstanding this section, any juror who is sequestered is entitled to receive at least thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) for each day's attendance.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.