

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY DAWKINS, BULLOCK, BURGOS, McNEILL, KAZEEM, RABB,
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KRAJEWSKI, KINKEAD, GREEN AND OTTEN, AUGUST 29, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, AUGUST 29, 2023

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) of the
2 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in juries and jurors,
3 further providing for compensation of and travel allowance
4 for jurors.

5 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
6 hereby enacts as follows:

7 Section 1. Section 4561(a) of Title 42 of the Pennsylvania
8 Consolidated Statutes is amended and the section is amended by
9 adding a subsection to read:

10 § 4561. Compensation of and travel allowance for jurors.

11 (a) Compensation.--A person summoned to serve as a juror
12 shall receive compensation at the rate of [~~\$9 a day for the~~
13 ~~first three days in any calendar year he shall be required to~~
14 ~~report for service and \$25 a day for each day thereafter in such~~
15 ~~calendar year]~~ \$40 a day for each day that such person is
16 required to report. In addition, persons so summoned shall be
17 paid a travel allowance at the rate of 17¢ per mile circular
18 except that no travel allowance shall be paid in the first

1 judicial district.

2 (a.1) Method of compensation.--The county commissioners in
3 each county shall select the method by which jurors are
4 compensated under subsection (a), which may include a check,
5 debit card, bank transfer or other method selected by the county
6 commissioners. The method of compensation may not affect the
7 amount of compensation.

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9 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.