

SECOND REGULAR SESSION
HOUSE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1331
100TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

3226H.03C

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 550, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to change of venue costs for capital cases.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 550, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 550.125, to read as follows:

**550.125. 1. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Change of Venue for
2 Capital Cases Fund", which shall consist of moneys appropriated to the fund by the
3 general assembly. The office of state courts administrator shall administer and disburse
4 moneys in the fund in accordance with subsection 2 of this section. The fund shall be a
5 dedicated fund and, upon appropriation, moneys in the fund shall be used solely for the
6 administration of this section. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 33.080, any
7 moneys remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the credit of
8 the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest moneys in the fund in the same
9 manner as other funds are invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments
10 shall be credited to the fund.**

**11 2. In a capital case in which a change of venue is taken from one county to any
12 other county, at the conclusion of such case the county to which the case was transferred
13 may apply to the office of state courts administrator for reimbursement from the change
14 of venue for capital cases fund any costs associated with the sequestering of jurors. The
15 costs of reimbursement shall not exceed the then approved state rates for travel
16 reimbursement for lodging and meals.**

**17 3. The office of state courts administrator shall develop an application process and
18 other procedures to determine if a county is eligible for reimbursement under this section.**

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

19 If a county is eligible for reimbursement, the office of state courts administrator shall
20 disburse such moneys to the county. If the office of state courts administrator determines
21 a county is not eligible for reimbursement under this section, the county in which the
22 capital case originated shall be responsible for reimbursement.

23 4. Any rule or portion of a rule, as that term is defined in section 536.010, that is
24 created under the authority delegated in this section shall become effective only if it
25 complies with and is subject to all of the provisions of chapter 536 and, if applicable,
26 section 536.028. This section and chapter 536 are nonseverable, and if any of the powers
27 vested with the general assembly pursuant to chapter 536 to review, to delay the effective
28 date, or to disapprove and annul a rule are subsequently held unconstitutional, then the
29 grant of rulemaking authority and any rule proposed or adopted after August 28, 2020,
30 shall be invalid and void.

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