

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 0181H.01I  
 Bill No.: HB 131  
 Subject: Juries; Courts; Counties  
 Type: Original  
 Date: February 4, 2025

Bill Summary: This proposal modifies provisions relating to the compensation of jurors.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
General Revenue	\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)	\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)	\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue</b>	<b>\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)</b>

\*Oversight assumes the potential adoption of the new compensation method for jurors would not reach the \$250,000 threshold.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

- Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.
- Estimated Net Effect (savings or increased revenues) expected to exceed \$250,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act or at full implementation of the act.

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
<b>FUND AFFECTED</b>	<b>FY 2026</b>	<b>FY 2027</b>	<b>FY 2028</b>
<b>Local Government*</b>	<b>Unknown to (Unknown)</b>	<b>Unknown to (Unknown)</b>	<b>Unknown to (Unknown)</b>

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

#### §§488.040 and 494.455 – Juror compensation

Officials from the **Office of the State Courts Administrator (OSCA)** state §494.455 states that in any county, or city not within a county, upon adoption by a majority vote of the governing body, no grand or petit juror shall receive compensation for the first two days of service but shall receive fifty dollars per day for the third day and each subsequent day he or she may serve. These funds are to be paid by the county. It is unknown how many counties will participate and the increase may result in an unknown cost or savings to the state or county. Section 494.455 also ties the juror mileage rate to the mileage rate as provided by law for state employees (rather than seven cents per mile).

**Oversight** notes §488.040 is removing language and clarifying the statute to follow the language in §494.455. Oversight notes the compensation for jurors will remain the same as outlined in §494.455, however, this proposal is increasing the mileage compensation from 10 cents per mile as outlined in §33.095 to the state employee rate (currently 65 ½ cents per mile). Because of the increased rate, Oversight will, therefore, reflect an unknown cost to circuit funds.

**Oversight** also notes language in §494.455.3 is being removed and clarifying language is being added that states, “by majority vote, the governing body of a county or a city not within a county may adopt a system for juror compensation in a city not within a county”, where each grand or petit juror shall receive \$50 per day starting on the third day and each subsequent day of actual service plus the mileage rate per §33.095 for a state employee provided that no compensation for the first two days is received. Oversight is unsure how many county circuits would participate and if the increase in compensation would result in an unknown cost or savings to the state or county. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a \$0 (no adoption by the governing body) or unknown cost or savings to General Revenue and county circuits for this proposal.

Officials from the **Department of Labor and Industrial Relations**, the **Office of Administration**, and the **City of Kansas City** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations. **Oversight** does not have any information to the contrary. Therefore, Oversight will reflect a zero impact in the fiscal note for these agencies.

**Oversight** only reflects the responses received from state agencies and political subdivisions; however, other cities and various county officials (commissioners, circuit clerks and county clerks) were requested to respond to this proposed legislation but did not. A listing of political subdivisions included in the Missouri Legislative Information System (MOLIS) database is available upon request.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – State Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>GENERAL REVENUE</b>			
<u>Cost/Savings</u> – OSCA – potential adoption of new compensation method for jurors by circuits (§494.455) p.3	<u>\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE</b>	<b><u>\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)</u></b>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT – Local Government</u>	FY 2026 (10 Mo.)	FY 2027	FY 2028
<b>COUNTY CIRCUITS AND ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT</b>			
<u>Cost/Savings</u> – potential adoption of new compensation method for jurors by circuits (§494.455) p.3	<u>\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)</u>	<u>\$0 or Unknown to (Unknown)</u>
<u>Cost</u> – increased mileage rate for jurors following §33.095 for state employees (§494.455) p.3	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON COUNTY CIRCUITS AND ST. LOUIS CIRCUIT FUNDS</b>	<b><u>Unknown to (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>Unknown to (Unknown)</u></b>	<b><u>Unknown to (Unknown)</u></b>

FISCAL IMPACT – Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill specifies that each grand and petit juror will receive at least \$6 per day for every day the juror actually serves and a mileage reimbursement rate as provided by law for state employees. Each county and the City of St. Louis may authorize additional compensation for its jurors. Alternatively, a governing body, as specified in the bill, may, by a majority vote, vote to

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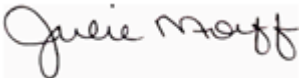
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restructure juror compensation so that grand and petit jurors do not get paid for the first two days of service but thereafter will receive \$50 per day, as well as mileage reimbursement at the rate provided by law for state employees for necessary travel from the juror's residence to the courthouse and back, to be paid by the county.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Labor and Industrial Relations  
Office of Administration  
City of Kansas City  
Office of the State Courts Administrator



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