

HB 571 -- JUROR COMPENSATION

SPONSOR: Smith (74)

The bill repeals current provisions related to juror compensation and replaces them with a tiered compensation structure as follows:

- (1) Before January 1, 2026, \$6 per day;
- (2) January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, jurors will receive \$10 for the first day and \$15 for each subsequent day; and
- (3) Beginning January 1, 2027, \$15 for the first day and \$25 for each subsequent day.

The structured compensation will be in addition to a mileage allowance for travel from the juror's residence to the courthouse and returning, as follows:

- (1) Before January 1, 2026, \$.07 for each mile traveled; and
- (2) Beginning January 1, 2026, the same allowance as provided by law for state employees for travel.

The bill repeals provisions allowing the governing body of each county or the City of St. Louis to authorize additional or alternative compensation.