

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 65

2 INTRODUCED BY M. MENAHAN

3 BY REQUEST OF THE SUPREME COURT

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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CHANGING THE ENTITY RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE
6 EXPENSES OF AN INTERPRETER FOR A DEAF INDIVIDUAL IN A CRIMINAL PROCEEDING IN A DISTRICT
7 COURT FROM THE COUNTY GENERAL FUND TO THE OFFICE OF COURT ADMINISTRATOR; AND
8 AMENDING SECTION 49-4-509, MCA."

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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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12 **Section 1.** Section 49-4-509, MCA, is amended to read:

13 **"49-4-509. Compensation.** An interpreter appointed to interpret for the deaf is entitled to receive a
14 reasonable fee for the interpreter's services, together with actual expenses for travel and transportation. The
15 appointing authority shall set the fee. When the interpreter is appointed in a criminal proceeding in a district court,
16 the fee must be paid out of the county general fund by the office of court administrator in accordance with judicial
17 branch policy, and when the interpreter is otherwise appointed, the fees must be paid out of funds available to
18 the appointing authority."

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