

HOUSE BILL NO. 187  
INTRODUCED BY M. JOPEK

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE JUROR'S FEES IN COURTS OF RECORD AND COURTS NOT OF RECORD; AMENDING SECTIONS 3-15-201 AND 3-15-203, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

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

**Section 1.** Section 3-15-201, MCA, is amended to read:

**"3-15-201. Fees in courts of record.** (1) A grand or trial jury panel member ~~shall receive \$12~~ is entitled to a fee of \$25 per day for attendance before any court of record and a mileage allowance, as provided in 2-18-503, for traveling each way between ~~his~~ the jury panel member's residence and the county seat. Those jurors selected from the panel for a case ~~shall receive~~ are entitled to an additional ~~\$13~~ \$25 a day while serving.

(2) A juror who is excused from attendance upon ~~his~~ the juror's own motion on the first day of ~~his~~ appearance in obedience to notice or who has been summoned as a special juror and not sworn in the trial of the case shall forfeit per diem and mileage."

**Section 2.** Section 3-15-203, MCA, is amended to read:

**"3-15-203. Fees in courts not of record and coroner inquests.** (1) A jury panel member in civil actions, criminal actions, and coroner inquests is entitled to a fee of ~~\$12~~ \$25 per day for attendance before a court not of record and a mileage allowance, as provided in 2-18-503, for traveling each way between ~~his~~ the jury panel member's residence and the court. A jury panel member selected for a case is entitled to an additional ~~\$13~~ \$25 per day while serving.

(2) In civil actions, the jurors' fees must be paid by the party demanding the jury and taxed as costs against the losing party.

(3) A juror who is excused from attendance upon ~~his~~ the juror's own motion on the first day of ~~his~~ appearance in obedience to notice or who has been summoned as a special juror and not sworn in the trial of the case shall forfeit per diem and mileage."

NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Applicability.** [This act] applies to panel and jury members chosen after

October 1, 2007.

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