

FISCAL NOTE
Requested by Legislative Council
12/22/2008

Bill/Resolution No.: SB 2118

1A. **State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
Revenues						
Expenditures			\$76,320		\$76,320	
Appropriations						

1B. **County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2A. **Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill would increase compensation to jurors for the first day of required attendance at sessions of the district court from \$25 to \$50 if the juror is in attendance for more than four hours.

B. Fiscal impact sections: *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

Those jurors who are sent home prior to completing more than four hours of service on the first day would receive \$25 of compensation. Jurors would continue to be compensated at \$50 per day for each day after the first day of service.

Based on average monthly days served for jury service over a 16 month period, approximately 852 jury days are served each month. However, only a small percentage these jurors will be required to serve for more than one day. Of the 852 jury days served each month, 636 days are for the first day of service. Jury compensation is provided to individuals who are called in for jury service but who are not selected from the jury pool, or not required to serve because the case was settled at the last minute. These individuals would primarily serve less than four hours. Based on the assumption that 80 percent of those who serve would fall into the \$25 category, the fiscal impact would be \$76,320 for the biennium.

3. **State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

A. Revenues: *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

This bill would not directly effect revenues.

B. Expenditures: *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

This bill would increase jury fees by \$76,320 for the biennium.

C. Appropriations: *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a*

continuing appropriation.

Funding necessary for additional jury compensation is not included in the Judicial Branch budget.

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