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House Bill 4551 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Representative Gary A. Newell
House Committee: Civil Law and the Judiciary
Senate Committee: Judiciary

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act (RJA) to create the "Juror Compensation Reimbursement Fund" in the State Treasury. The bill would take effect on January 1, 2003, and is tie-barred to House Bills 4090, 4552, 4553, and 4798. (House Bill 4090 would increase juror compensation rates. House Bill 4552 would increase various driver license clearance fees and allocate a portion of the fees to the proposed Fund. House Bill 4553 would provide for the distribution of money in the Fund to district, probate, and circuit court funding units. House Bill 4798 would increase jury trial fees.)

Under House Bill 4551 (S-1), money in the Juror Compensation Reimbursement Fund would have to be distributed as provided in House Bill 4553. The State Treasurer would have to credit to the Fund proceeds from the collection of driver license clearance fees and jury trial fees (as provided in House Bills 4552 and 4798). The Treasurer could invest money in the Fund in any manner authorized by law for the investment of State money. An investment, however, could not interfere with any apportionment, allocation, or payment of money required under House Bill 4553. The State Treasurer would have to credit to the Fund all income earned as a result of an investment of money in the Fund. The unencumbered balance in the Fund at the end of a fiscal year would have to remain in the Fund and could not revert to the General Fund.

Proposed MCL 600.151d

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of House Bill 4551 (S-1) would depend on the increase in juror compensation rates under House Bill 4090; the amount generated by the driver license clearance fee increase proposed by House Bill 4552; the distribution of money in the Juror Compensation Reimbursement Fund pursuant to House Bill 4553; and the amount generated by the proposed increase in jury trial fees under House Bill 4798. Please see **FISCAL IMPACT** on those bills.

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