

HOUSE BILL No. 4561

May 7, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Lucido, Yanez and Howrylak and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"
by amending section 1344 (MCL 600.1344), as amended by 2002 PA 739.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 1344. (1) A juror shall be reimbursed for his or her
2 traveling expenses at a rate, determined by the county board of
3 commissioners, that is not less than 10 cents per mile for
4 traveling from the juror's residence to the place of holding court
5 and returning for each day or 1/2 day of actual attendance at
6 sessions of the court.

7 (2) A juror also shall be compensated at a rate, determined by
8 the county board of commissioners, as follows:

9 (a) Until October 1, 2003, not less than \$15.00 per day and
10 \$7.50 per 1/2 day of actual attendance at the court.

11 (b) Beginning October 1, 2003 **AND UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2015**, a

1 rate determined as follows:

2 (i) For the first day or 1/2 day of actual attendance at the
3 court, not less than \$25.00 per day and \$12.50 per 1/2 day.

4 (ii) For each subsequent day or 1/2 day of actual attendance
5 at the court, not less than \$40.00 per day and \$20.00 per 1/2 day.

6 (C) BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016, THE FOLLOWING RATE, AS
7 APPLICABLE:

8 (i) FOR THE FIRST DAY OF ACTUAL ATTENDANCE AT THE COURT,
9 \$30.00.

10 (ii) FOR THE FIRST 1/2 DAY OF ACTUAL ATTENDANCE AT THE COURT,
11 \$15.00.

12 (iii) FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT DAY OF ACTUAL ATTENDANCE AT THE
13 COURT, \$45.00.

14 (iv) FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT 1/2 DAY OF ACTUAL ATTENDANCE AT THE
15 COURT, \$25.00.

16 (3) If an action is removed from the circuit court to a lower
17 court, the jury fee shall be paid to the circuit court whether paid
18 before or after removal of the action to the lower court, and the
19 circuit court shall be responsible for payment of the compensation
20 to the juror involved.

21 (4) A clerk or deputy clerk of the court who fraudulently
22 issues a certificate of attendance of a juror on which the juror
23 receives pay, except as allowed by law, is guilty of a misdemeanor
24 ~~—~~punishable by imprisonment for not more than 6 months ~~—~~or a fine
25 of not more than \$500.00, or both.

26 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
27 after the date it is enacted into law.