

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, jurors are reimbursed for travel and other expenses from \$6 to \$30 a day. This reimbursement rarely covers parking for jurors. This bill increases reimbursement for jurors to a maximum of \$50 per day.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, H.B. 1504 increases reimbursement for jurors to a maximum of \$50 per day.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Sections 61.001(a), (b), and (c), Government Code, to provide that jurors are entitled to receive reimbursement for travel and other expenses not less than \$6 and no more than \$50, rather than \$30, each day. Authorizes the presiding judge, with the agreement of the parties involved or their attorneys, in a specific case, to increase the daily reimbursement for jurors not to exceed the maximum amount prescribed by this section. Require the difference between the usual daily reimbursement and one for jurors in a specific case to be paid by the parties involved in the case. Makes a conforming change.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1997.  
Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Emergency clause.