

1 SENATE BILL NO. 370
2 INTRODUCED BY M. YAKAWICH

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT INDIVIDUALS SUMMONED FOR JURY DUTY
5 MUST RECEIVE \$60 A DAY AND AN ADDITIONAL \$60 A DAY IF SELECTED FOR JURY DUTY;
6 PROVIDING A FUNDING ALLOCATION; AND AMENDING SECTION 3-15-201, MCA."

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

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

11 **"3-15-201. Fees in courts of record.** (1) A grand or trial jury panel member must receive \$12 \$60 per
12 a day for attendance before any court of record and a mileage allowance, as provided in 2-18-503, for traveling
13 each way between the member's residence and the court. Those jurors selected from the panel for a case must
14 receive an additional ~~\$13~~ \$60 a day while serving.

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

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19 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Funding allocation.** There is funding allocated to the department of
20 justice to reimburse counties for the funding required by 3-15-201 in criminal cases. A county seeking
21 reimbursement shall provide an invoice to the department within 30 days of the final day of a criminal trial or
22 settlement of a criminal case if the settlement occurs after the jury is required to report to the courthouse or the
23 jury is empaneled.

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