

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5084

AS REPORTED BY COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE, MARCH 6, 1991

Brief Description: Increasing compensation for jurors to at least the state minimum wage.

SPONSORS: Senators Rasmussen and Roach.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5084 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Nelson, Chairman; Thorsness, Vice Chairman; L. Kreidler, Madsen, Rasmussen, and A. Smith.

Staff: Ben Barnes (786-7465)

Hearing Dates: January 31, 1991; March 6, 1991

BACKGROUND:

Current law provides that county jurors may receive up to \$25 per day for jury service.

It is suggested that the rate of jury compensation be increased to at least the state minimum wage.

SUMMARY:

Employers with ten or more employees are required to pay a regular salary to full-time employees during their jury service.

Counties are required to pay at least the state minimum wage to those jurors who do not fall within the provisions of this proposal.

EFFECT OF PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE:

The requirement that employers pay a regular salary to full-time employees during their jury serviced is deleted.

Appropriation: none

Revenue: none

Fiscal Note: requested January 28, 1991

TESTIMONY FOR: None

TESTIMONY AGAINST: None

TESTIFIED: No one

