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CHAPTER 179

# **SENATE BILL 1142**

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 21-222, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO JUROR FEES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 21-222, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 21-222. Arizona lengthy trial fund

5 A. The Arizona lengthy trial fund is established consisting of monies  
6 received from the additional fees paid on all filings, appearances, responses  
7 and answers pursuant to section 12-115. The monies in the fund shall not be  
8 used for any purpose other than as prescribed in this section.

9 B. The supreme court shall administer the fund and shall adopt rules  
10 for the administration of the fund. Not more than three per cent of the  
11 monies in the fund shall be used for the reasonable and necessary costs of  
12 administering the fund. On or before the fifteenth day of each month, on  
13 receipt of a request for reimbursement the supreme court shall transmit  
14 monies from the fund to a jury commissioner for monies paid to a juror under  
15 this section, together with a fee of not less than the amount prescribed in  
16 section 12-284, subsection A, class E for each application for payment of  
17 replacement or supplemental earnings by a juror.

18 C. Subject to the availability of monies, monies in the fund shall be  
19 used to pay full or partial earnings replacement or supplementation to jurors  
20 who serve as petit jurors for more than five days and who receive less than  
21 full compensation. The amount of replacement or supplemental earnings shall  
22 be at least forty dollars but not more than three hundred dollars per day per  
23 juror beginning on the ~~fourth~~ FIRST day of jury service.

24 D. A juror whose jury service lasts more than five days may submit a  
25 request for payment from the fund. The amount a juror receives from the fund  
26 is limited to the difference between the jury fee prescribed in section  
27 21-221 and the actual amount of earnings a juror earns, not less than forty  
28 dollars, up to the maximum level payable under subsection C of this section,  
29 minus any amount the juror actually received from the juror's employer during  
30 the same time period. A juror who requests payment from the fund:

31 1. Shall disclose on the form the juror's regular earnings, the amount  
32 the juror's employer will pay during the term of jury service starting on the  
33 ~~fourth~~ FIRST day and thereafter, the amount of replacement or supplemental  
34 earnings being requested and any other information that the jury commissioner  
35 deems necessary.

36 2. Before receiving payment from the fund, shall submit verification  
37 from the juror's employer, if any, regarding the earnings information that is  
38 provided under paragraph 1. This verification may include the employee's  
39 most recent earnings statement or a similar document.

40 3. In order to verify the weekly income if the juror is self-employed  
41 or receives compensation other than wages, shall provide a sworn affidavit  
42 attesting to the juror's approximate gross weekly income, together with any  
43 other information that the supreme court requires.

1           E. Jurors who are unemployed and are not eligible for payment pursuant  
2 to subsections C and D of this section are eligible to be paid forty dollars  
3 per day, even if they receive income in the form of spousal maintenance,  
4 pensions, retirement, unemployment compensation, disability benefits or other  
5 similar income. Commissioners shall not deduct these other forms of income  
6 in calculating the amount these jurors are to be paid from the fund.

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Passed the House March 27, 2012,

by the following vote: 55 Ayes,

0 Nays, 5 Not Voting

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Speaker of the House

Cheryl Laube  
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate February 9, 2012,

by the following vote: 29 Ayes,

0 Nays, 1 Not Voting

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President of the Senate

Charmin Bellington  
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR

This Bill was received by the Governor this

2 day of April, 2012,

at 2:10 o'clock P M.

[Signature]  
Secretary to the Governor

Approved this 4<sup>th</sup> day of

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Jenice K. Brewer  
Governor of Arizona

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA  
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

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this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012,

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Secretary of State

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