

1-1 By: Casteel (Senate Sponsor - Averitt) H.B. No. 3070  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2003;  
1-3 May 9, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 22, 2003, reported favorably by the following  
1-5 vote: Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 22, 2003, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to reimbursement for expenses incurred by jurors.

1-9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 61.001, Government Code, is amended by  
1-11 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (c-1) to read as  
1-12 follows:

1-13 (c) The commissioners court of each county shall determine  
1-14 annually the daily reimbursement of expenses for jurors. Except as  
1-15 provided by Subsection (d), the reimbursement must be within the  
1-16 minimum and maximum amounts prescribed by this section and paid out  
1-17 of the jury fund of the county. The commissioners court may set  
1-18 different daily reimbursements for:

1-19 (1) grand and petit jurors; or

1-20 (2) different petit jurors based on:

1-21 (A) whether a juror serves in a justice, county,  
1-22 or district court; or

1-23 (B) any other reasonable criteria determined by  
1-24 the commissioners court.

1-25 (c-1) In a specific case, the presiding judge, with the  
1-26 agreement of the parties involved or their attorneys, may increase  
1-27 the daily reimbursement for jurors in that case to an amount not to  
1-28 exceed the maximum amount prescribed by this section. The  
1-29 difference between the usual daily reimbursement and the  
1-30 reimbursement for jurors in a specific case shall be paid, in equal  
1-31 amounts, by the parties involved in the case.

1-32 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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