

1-1 By: Giddings (Senate Sponsor - West) H.B. No. 1204
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 19, 2007;
1-3 April 3, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on
1-4 Jurisprudence; May 10, 2007, reported favorably by the following
1-5 vote: Yeas 4, Nays 0; May 10, 2007, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to donations of juror reimbursements.

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

1-10 SECTION 1. Section 61.003, Government Code, is amended by
1-11 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
1-12 follows:

1-13 (a) Each prospective juror reporting for jury service shall
1-14 be personally provided a form letter that when signed by the
1-15 prospective juror directs the county treasurer to donate all, or a
1-16 specific amount designated by the prospective juror, of the
1-17 prospective juror's daily reimbursement for jury service to:

1-18 (1) the compensation to victims of crime fund under
1-19 Subchapter B, Chapter 56, Code of Criminal Procedure;

1-20 (2) the child welfare board of the county appointed
1-21 under Section 264.005, Family Code;

1-22 (3) any program selected by the commissioners court
1-23 that is operated by a public or private nonprofit organization and
1-24 that provides shelter and services to victims of family violence;
1-25 or

1-26 (4) any other program approved by the commissioners
1-27 court of the county.

1-28 (a-1) The form letter provided under Subsection (a) must
1-29 include a blank in which a prospective juror may enter the amount of
1-30 the daily reimbursement the juror wishes to donate.

1-31 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
1-32 to donations from jurors appearing in response to a summons issued
1-33 on or after the effective date of this Act.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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