

1 2. For mileage going to and returning from jury service each
2 day, pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement
3 Act; and

4 3. If approved by the court, for posttrial mental health
5 counseling for any juror whose jury duty involved a violent or
6 shocking and heinous case, in an amount to be determined by the
7 court in accordance with rules promulgated by the Supreme Court.

8 B. The Court Fund Board of the district court may contract for
9 or provide reimbursement for parking for district court jurors to be
10 paid from the Court Fund. Parking so provided to jurors shall be in
11 lieu of any reimbursement to jurors for parking fees.

12 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to any person
13 who is summoned for jury duty and who is excused from serving
14 pursuant to the provisions of subsection A of Section 28 of Title 38
15 of the Oklahoma Statutes, beginning on the day the person is excused
16 from service.

17 D. The Supreme Court shall promulgate rules to establish a
18 Lengthy Trial Fund that shall be used to provide full or partial
19 wage replacement or wage supplementation to jurors who serve as
20 petit jurors for more than ten (10) days.

21 1. The court rules shall provide for the selection and
22 appointment of an Administrator for the fund; procedures for the
23 administration of the fund, including payments of salaries of the
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1 Administrator and other necessary personnel; procedures for the
2 accounting, auditing and investment of money in the Lengthy Trial
3 Fund; and a report by the Supreme Court on the administration of the
4 Lengthy Trial Fund included in its annual report on the judicial
5 branch, setting forth the money collected for and disbursed from the
6 fund.

7 2. The clerk of the court shall collect from each attorney who
8 files a civil case, unless otherwise exempted under the provisions
9 of this section, a fee of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per case to be paid
10 into the Lengthy Trial Fund. A lawyer will be deemed to have filed
11 a case at the time the first pleading or other filing on which an
12 individual lawyer's name appears is submitted to the court for
13 filing and opens a new case. All such fees shall be forwarded to
14 the Administrator of the Lengthy Trial Fund for deposit.

15 3. The Administrator shall use the fees deposited in the
16 Lengthy Trial Fund to pay full or partial wage replacement or
17 supplementation to jurors whose employers pay less than full regular
18 wages when the period of jury service lasts more than ten (10) days.

19 4. The court may pay replacement or supplemental wages of up to
20 Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per day per juror beginning on the
21 eleventh day of jury service. In addition, for any jurors who
22 qualify for payment by serving on a jury for more than ten (10)
23 days, the court may, upon finding that such service posed a
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1 significant financial hardship to a juror, even in light of payments
2 made with respect to jury service after the tenth day, award
3 replacement or supplemental wages of up to Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)
4 per day from the fourth to the tenth day of jury service.

5 5. Any juror who is serving or has served on a jury that
6 qualifies for payment from the Lengthy Trial Fund, provided the
7 service commenced on or after the effective date of this act, may
8 submit a request for payment from the Lengthy Trial Fund on a form
9 provided by the Administrator. Payment shall be limited to the
10 difference between the state-paid jury fee and the actual amount of
11 wages a juror earns, up to the maximum level payable, minus any
12 amount the juror actually receives from the employer during the same
13 time period. The form shall disclose the juror's regular wages, the
14 amount the employer will pay during the term of jury service
15 starting on the eleventh day and thereafter, the amount of
16 replacement or supplemental wages requested, and any other
17 information the Administrator deems necessary for proper payment.
18 The juror shall be required to submit verification from the employer
19 as to the wage information provided to the Administrator, including
20 but not limited to the employee's most recent earnings statement or
21 similar document, prior to initiation of payment from the fund. If
22 an individual is self-employed or receives compensation other than
23 wages, the individual may provide a sworn affidavit attesting to his
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UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.
BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments.
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1 or her approximate gross weekly income, together with such other
2 information as the Administrator may require, in order to verify
3 weekly income.

4 6. The following attorneys and causes of action are exempt from
5 payment of the Lengthy Trial Fund fee:

- 6 a. government attorneys entering appearances in the
7 course of their official duties,
- 8 b. pro se litigants,
- 9 c. cases in small claims court or the state equivalent
10 thereof, or
- 11 d. claims seeking social security disability
12 determinations, individual veterans' compensation or
13 disability determinations, recoupment actions for
14 government-backed educational loans or mortgages,
15 child custody and support cases, actions brought in
16 forma pauperis, and any other filings designated by
17 rule that involve minimal use of court resources and
18 that customarily are not afforded the opportunity for
19 a trial by jury.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

21 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
5 02/14/2013 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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