



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 50

February Session, 2000

An Act Concerning Fees Of Witnesses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (a) of section 52-260 of the general statutes is repealed
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The fees of a witness for attendance before any court, the General
4 Assembly or any committee thereof, when summoned by the state, or
5 before any legal authority, shall be fifty cents a day, and for travel to
6 the place of trial, [ten cents a mile] shall be the same amount per mile
7 as provided for state employees pursuant to section 5-141c. Whenever
8 a garnishee is required to appear before any court, [he] such garnishee
9 shall receive the same fees as a witness in a civil action and be paid in
10 the same manner. [A witness in a criminal trial shall receive for travel
11 at said rate for one day only, and for each day thereafter for travel in
12 such case shall be paid only his actual traveling expenses, not
13 exceeding ten cents a mile.] The clerk of the Superior Court, upon
14 request, shall, on the day of attendance, pay the fee of any witness
15 summoned by the state to appear before the court. [In criminal trials,
16 no fees may be allowed to bystanders called as witnesses.]

JUD Committee Vote: Yea 39 Nay 0 JFS