



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5309

LCO No. 4126

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT PROHIBITING PAYMENT OF JURORS BY A PARTY OR SUCH PARTY'S REPRESENTATIVE.

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

1 (NEW) (a) After the conclusion of any civil or criminal proceeding
2 that was tried to a jury, no party in such proceeding or person acting
3 on behalf of such party shall make any payment of money or give
4 anything of value to any person who served as a juror in such
5 proceeding in connection with such person's service as a juror.

6 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section,
7 if a person who served as a juror in any civil or criminal proceeding is
8 subsequently called as a witness in an action to collaterally attack the
9 verdict in such proceeding on the basis of juror misconduct, such
10 person may receive a witness fee in the same manner as any other
11 witness in such action.

12 (c) Any person who violates the provisions of subsection (a) of this
13 section shall be guilty of a class A misdemeanor.

Statement of Purpose:

To prohibit a party in a civil or criminal proceeding making a payment or giving anything of value to persons who served on the jury in such proceeding.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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