

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to juror sanctions; amending s. 40.23,  
 3           F.S.; revising available sanctions for any person who  
 4           is duly summoned to attend court as a juror and fails  
 5           to attend without any sufficient excuse; prohibiting a  
 6           court from imposing a term of imprisonment on any  
 7           person who fails to attend as a juror without any  
 8           sufficient excuse and is found in contempt of court  
 9           unless the person is able to obtain legal  
 10          representation; providing an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14           Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 40.23, Florida  
 15 Statutes, is amended to read:

16           40.23 Summoning jurors.—

17           (3) (a) Any person who is duly summoned to attend as a  
 18 juror in any court and ~~who~~ fails to attend without any  
 19 sufficient excuse is subject to the following sanctions or any  
 20 combination thereof:

21           1. ~~shall pay~~ A fine not to exceed \$1,000 ~~\$100, which fine~~  
 22 ~~shall be~~ imposed by the court to which the juror was summoned.

23           2. A term of imprisonment not to exceed 3 days.

24           3. An order to perform community service., ~~and,~~

25           (b) In addition to the sanctions specified in paragraph

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26 | (a), the ~~such~~ failure to attend as a juror without any  
27 | sufficient excuse may be considered a contempt of court.  
28 | However, the court may not order any term of imprisonment for a  
29 | person found in contempt of court under this paragraph unless  
30 | the person is able to obtain legal representation.

31 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.