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AN ACT

RELATING TO COURTS; REDUCING MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR
CERTAIN JURORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 35-8-7 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1991,
Chapter 82, Section 13) is amended to read:

"35-8-7. MAGISTRATE CIVIL JURY FEES.--

A. In each action in the magistrate court in which
a jury is summoned, persons summoned for jury service and
jurors shall be compensated for their time in attendance and
service at the highest prevailing minimum-wage rate.

B. Those persons shall also be reimbursed for
travel in excess of forty miles round trip from their place
of actual residence to the court, when their attendance is
ordered, at the rate allowed public officers and employees
per mile of necessary travel.

C. Those costs shall be charged against the party
requesting the jury in a civil action, though no costs shall
be charged against the state. All costs collected by the
magistrate under this section shall be remitted to the
administrative office of the courts, and all jurors shall be
paid by the state treasurer in the same manner as other
magistrate court expenses are paid."

SECTION 2. Section 38-5-15 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1969,

1 Chapter 222, Section 15, as amended) is amended to read:

2 "38-5-15. MILEAGE AND COMPENSATION FOR JURORS.--Persons
3 summoned for jury service and jurors shall be reimbursed for
4 travel in excess of forty miles round trip from their place of
5 actual residence to the courthouse when their attendance is
6 ordered at the rate allowed public officers and employees per
7 mile of necessary travel. Persons summoned for jury service
8 and jurors shall be compensated for their time in attendance
9 and service at the highest prevailing state minimum wage
10 rate."

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