

SESSION OF 2002

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2085

As Further Amended by House Committee of the Whole

Brief*

HB 2085 changes the compensation paid for jurors to provide the following:

- ! First day: (1) if not selected for jury service, no compensation; (2) if selected and performs jury service on the first day, \$10.
- ! Second and subsequent days: the compensation rate will be \$25 per day.

The effective date is January 1, 2003.

Background

Appearing in support of the bill were representatives from the following entities: the Kansas Bar Association; the Wichita Bar Association; the Chief Judge of the Johnson County District Court; and the Kansas Trial Lawyers Association. Opposition was expressed on behalf of the Kansas Association of Counties; Sedgwick County; and the Lyon County Commission. Written comments were received from the Office of the County Manager in Johnson County. Additional information was supplied by the Office of Judicial Administrator.

The fiscal note, on the bill as drafted, indicates there would be a large fiscal effect on counties. Sedgwick County, which currently pays \$200,000 a year in jury fees, estimates a two and a half to four times increase could occur.

*Supplemental notes are prepared by the Legislative Research Department and do not express legislative intent. The supplemental note and fiscal note for this bill may be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.kslegislature.org/cgi-bin/fulltext/bills.cgi>

