
By Mr. Long, a petition of James J. Long for legislation to increase the amount of fees paid to jurors and witnesses. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six.

AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF FEES PAID TO JURORS AND WITNESSES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 262 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 25, as most recently amended
3 by chapter 435 of the acts of 1960, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 25.* The compensation of traverse jurors impan-
6 elled to try cases of murder in the first degree shall be seven-
7 teen dollars, and that of all other traverse jurors and of grand
8 jurors fifteen dollars, for each day's service. All jurors shall
9 receive for each day of actual attendance eight cents a mile
10 for travel out and home, but not for such time as the jury is
11 held under restraint, by order of court, at the expense of the
12 county. If the expense of a juror who attends court, necessar-
13 ily and actually incurred for transportation out and home
14 once in each day, exceeds the amount of the said allowance
15 for travel, he shall be allowed the amount of such expense
16 in lieu of the said travel allowance. If a grand or traverse
17 juror is required to be in attendance for five or more consec-
18 utive days he shall receive his fees not later than the end of
19 every fifth day of such attendance.

1 SECTION 2. The first paragraph of section 29 of said chap-
2 ter 262, as appearing in chapter 697 of the acts of 1949, is
3 hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the word "three"
4 and inserting in place thereof the word: — ten, so as to read

5 as follows: — The fees for attending as a witness before the
6 general court, the supreme judicial court, the superior court,
7 the land court, a probate court or court of insolvency, a dis-
8 trict court, county commissioners, a trial justice, a referee, an
9 arbitrator, the department of industrial accidents or the board
10 of conciliation and arbitration, or on any other occasion for
11 which no express provision is made, or allowed to persons,
12 except the debtor, who are examined under section eighty-two
13 of chapter two hundred and sixteen, unless fraudulent con-
14 duct is charged and proved against them, shall be ten dollars
15 a day, and five cents a mile for travel out and home; provided,
16 that if the witness has a usual place of business or employ-
17 ment in the city or town where the court trial or hearing is
18 held, travel shall be reckoned out and to such place of busi-
19 ness or employment, and not out and home. Each witness shall
20 certify in writing the amount of his travel and attendance.