

HOUSE No. 2976

By Mr. Buckley of Abington, petition of John R. Buckley for legislation to increase witness fees for persons required to attend courts in judicial proceedings. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT INCREASING THE FEES OF CERTAIN 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 29 of chapter 262 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in
3 place thereof the following new paragraph: —

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

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