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Juror Pay Increases in Jackson County

The pay that jurors receive in Jackson County is going up for the first time in many, many years.

Starting on August 5, jurors serving on a petit (trial) jury or grand jury will receive \$18.00 a day. Presently, selected jurors receive \$6.00 a day. Jurors who report for jury service, but are not selected to serve on a jury, will continue to receive \$6.00 a day.

The Circuit Court proposed this increase in juror pay and it was recently approved by the Jackson County Legislature.

"The Court is happy that its request to increase juror pay was approved," said Presiding Judge David M. Byrn. "It is the responsibility of all citizens who are summoned to serve as jurors, and no one serves seeking financial reward. However, no one should endure significant financial hardship as a result of serving as a juror."

The pay increase is a long time in coming. Jurors in Jackson County, as well as 13 other counties, were the lowest paid out of 114 counties in the state in 2013, which is the last time period for which statewide data is available.

All jurors will continue to be reimbursed 7 cents a mile for travel.

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