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BILL SUMMARY

- Authorizes the legislative authority of a municipal court to request the board of county commissioners to fix the compensation of jurors of that municipal court in an amount that differs from the compensation of jurors in the court of common pleas and authorizes the board upon receipt of that request to approve or deny it.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Compensation of municipal court jurors

Under existing law, jurors in municipal court receive the same fees as jurors in common pleas court. A juror in common pleas court receives a base per diem compensation set by the board of county commissioners. After ten days of actual service, the compensation for each additional day is an amount equal to the greater of \$15 or one and one-half times the base compensation, unless the board establishes a greater amount not exceeding twice the base compensation. (R.C. 1901.25 and R.C. 2313.34(B)--not in the bill.)

The bill provides that the fees received by jurors in municipal court are the same as those received by jurors in the court of common pleas unless the board of county commissioners approves a request from the legislative authority of the municipal court to prescribe a different fee. The bill authorizes the legislative authority of a municipal court to make such a request by resolution. The request must be in writing and must specify the amount that the legislative authority believes the compensation should be. Upon receipt of such a request, the board of county commissioners by resolution must approve or deny the request. If the board approves, the resolution must state that it approves compensation for jurors in the municipal court in an amount that differs from the compensation of jurors in the court of common pleas of the county and must fix the compensation. The board may fix the compensation at the amount specified in the request or a

different amount. If the board denies the request, the compensation is the same as for jurors in the court of common pleas. (R.C. 1901.25(A) and (B)(1).)

The bill allows the legislative authority of a municipal court to make more than one request. Upon receipt of any requests subsequent to the first one, the board of county commissioners must approve or deny the request in accordance with the procedure described above. If the board denies a subsequent request, the compensation of jurors that was in effect at the time of the denial remains in effect. (R.C. 1901.25(B)(2).)

HISTORY

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