

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE BILL 320**

Short Title: Jury Fee Waiver Program.

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Sponsors: Senators Clodfelter; Atwater, Rand, and Weinstein.

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Referred to: Judiciary I.

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March 3, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A PROGRAM ALLOWING JURORS TO WAIVE  
PAYMENT OF THE UNIFORM JUROR FEE AND TO DESIGNATE THE  
WAIVED FEES TO BE USED FOR SPECIFIED SERVICES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 7A-312 reads as rewritten:

**"§ 7A-312. Uniform fees for jurors; meals.**

A juror in the General Court of Justice including a petit juror, or a coroner's juror, but excluding a grand juror, shall receive twelve dollars (\$12.00) per day, except that if any person serves as a juror for more than five days in any 24-month period, the juror shall receive thirty dollars (\$30.00) per day for each day of service in excess of five days. A grand juror shall receive twelve dollars (\$12.00) per day. However, any juror may waive payment of the per diem fees provided for in this section; a juror waiving the fee may designate that the fee be used for any of various services provided in that district, as designated by the senior resident superior court judge. A juror required to remain overnight at the site of the trial shall be furnished adequate accommodations and subsistence. If required by the presiding judge to remain in a body during the trial of a case, meals shall be furnished the jurors during the period of sequestration. Jurors from out of the county summoned to sit on a special venire shall receive mileage at the same rate as State employees."

**SECTION 2.** The senior resident superior court judge in each district may provide jurors with a choice of various services in that district to which they may designate their waived juror fees, including drug treatment court client services, courthouse self-help centers, and courthouse child care centers; the choice may also include designation to a fund for the establishment of a service not yet available in that district. If the senior resident superior court judge elects not to provide jurors with a choice of services to designate their waived fees to, or if jurors elect not to designate the fees to a particular service, the waived fees shall represent cost savings to the Judicial Department.

1                   **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005, and applies to jury  
2 service that begins on or after that date.