

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

ORDER NO. 283

Amending Rule 17, Rules
Governing the Administration
of All Courts by increasing
the fees, subsistence, and
travel allowance for jurors
and grand jurors.

IT IS ORDERED:

Rule 17, Rules Governing the Administration of All Courts,
is amended to read:

Rule 17. Jurors' and Grand Jurors' Fees--Payment.

(a) Petit jurors summoned, who qualify for service on the venire, shall be paid at the rate of \$20.00 per day for every full day spent as a member of the venire and \$10.00 for a half day or less spent as a member of the venire, except that petit jurors who can without inconvenience return to their homes each evening, shall receive such payment only for the days actually required to report to the court or while serving as a member of a panel. Except as otherwise directed by the supreme court, citizens selected for jury service in cities with a population in excess of 5,000 shall not be required to serve for a period longer than 30 consecutive days. In cities with a population less than 5,000, jury service shall be for 90 consecutive days with court attendance not to exceed 30 full calendar days. In communities with a population less than 2,500, jury service may be for one year but in no event shall court attendance exceed 30 full calendar days. All jurors who commence sitting in a trial within the 30 day, 90 day, or one year period shall continue to serve in that matter until discharged by the trial court.

(b) Jurors summoned from places more than 30 miles distant from the place of court shall receive reimbursement for round trip travel performed from the juror's residence to the place of court for the total distance actually and necessarily traveled at the rate per mile allowed to state employees. Where air transportation is used, the actual cost of such transportation shall be paid in lieu of mileage.

(c) Where it is impracticable for a juror to return to his home each evening, subsistence at the per diem rate allowed to state employees shall be allowed for each day of his term of service on the venire. If the jury is convened in a remote area or if food or lodging is provided by the court, the administrative director may provide for direct payment of the cost of food and lodging in lieu of payment of a subsistence allowance to the jurors. The administrative director shall determine which method of payment is to be utilized.

(d) The provisions of paragraphs (a) through (c) shall govern the payment of fees, travel and subsistence to grand jurors. Jurors serving as grand jurors may sit for a period not to exceed 90 days.

(e) All payments under the provisions of this rule shall be made from the appropriation to the state judiciary.

DATED: _____

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1977


Chief Justice

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Justice

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Justice

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