



## FISCAL NOTE

### House Bill 136

Committee: Ways and Means General Fund      Sponsor: Representative Prince Chestnut

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**House Bill 136** as introduced would (1) require the Alabama Supreme Court to establish per diem and mileage rates for jurors by order or rule of the court, and (2) repeal the current \$10 per diem and \$0.05 mileage rate.

According to the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), the new rates proposed by the Supreme Court would be \$0.625 per mile and \$25 per day. Using Fiscal Year 2022 jury data, these rates would increase jury expenses by an estimated \$3,795,000 annually.

The Fiscal Year 2024 State General Fund appropriation bill (House Bill 124), as introduced and as substituted by the House Ways and Means General Fund committee, includes an appropriation of \$3,795,000 to the Unified Judicial System for a juror pay increase.