

HB 1125

2020

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to jury duty; amending s. 40.23, F.S.;
3 prohibiting a court from imposing a term of
4 imprisonment as a sanction for contempt of court for a
5 person who fails to attend court in response to a
6 summons; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Subsection (3) of section 40.23, Florida
11 Statutes, is amended to read:

12 40.23 Summoning jurors.—

13 (3) Any person who is duly summoned to attend as a juror
14 in any court and who fails to attend without a ~~any~~ sufficient
15 excuse shall pay a fine not to exceed \$100, which fine shall be
16 imposed by the court to which the juror was summoned, and, in
17 addition, such failure may be considered a contempt of court.
18 However, the court may not impose a term of imprisonment as a
19 sanction for contempt of court on a person who fails to attend
20 court in response to a summons without a sufficient excuse.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.