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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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| Comm: RCS | . | |
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The Committee on Judiciary (Powell) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause
and insert:

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

40.23 Summoning jurors.—

(3) (a) Any person who is duly summoned to attend as a juror
in any court and who fails to attend without any sufficient
excuse is subject to the following sanctions, or any combination
thereof:



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12 1. ~~shall pay~~ A fine not to exceed \$1,000 ~~\$100~~, ~~which fine~~
13 ~~shall be~~ imposed by the court to which the juror was summoned.

14 2. A term of imprisonment not to exceed 3 days.

15 3. An order to perform community service., ~~and,~~

16 (b) In addition to the sanctions specified in paragraph

17 (a), the ~~such~~ failure to attend as a juror without any

18 sufficient excuse may be considered a contempt of court.

19 However, the court may not order any term of imprisonment for a

20 person who is found in contempt of court under this paragraph

21 unless the person is able to obtain legal representation.

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

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25 And the title is amended as follows:

26 Delete everything before the enacting clause

27 and insert:

28 A bill to be entitled

29 An act relating to juror sanctions; amending s. 40.23,

30 F.S.; revising available sanctions for any person who

31 fails to attend court as a juror without any

32 sufficient excuse; restricting a court from imposing a

33 term of imprisonment on any person who fails to attend

34 as a juror without any sufficient excuse and is found

35 in contempt of court unless the person is able to

36 obtain legal representation; providing an effective

37 date.