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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to juror sanctions; amending s. 40.23,
3 F.S.; restricting a court from imposing a term of
4 imprisonment as a sanction for contempt of court for a
5 juror 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 in
14 any court and who fails to attend without any sufficient excuse
15 shall pay a fine not to exceed \$100, which fine shall be imposed
16 by the court to which the juror was summoned, and, in addition,
17 such failure may be considered a contempt of court. However, the
18 court may not impose any term of imprisonment as a sanction for
19 contempt of court on a person who fails to attend in response to
20 a summons without any sufficient excuse.

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