

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to clerks of the court; amending s.
3 40.29, F.S.; requiring the Justice Administrative
4 Commission to provide funds to the clerks of court for
5 specified jury-related costs; requiring the clerks of
6 court to submit a request for reimbursement for jury-
7 related costs to the Clerks of Court Operations
8 Corporation within specified timeframes; requiring the
9 Clerks of Court Operations Corporation to review the
10 requests for reimbursement and submit a request to the
11 Justice Administrative Commission; requiring the
12 Justice Administrative Commission to review the
13 amounts for specified purposes and submit a request
14 for payment to the Chief Financial Officer; removing a
15 provision authorizing the Justice Administrative
16 Commission to apportion funds for certain purposes
17 among the counties; providing that the clerks of the
18 court are responsible for certain jury-related costs
19 that exceed funding provided in the General
20 Appropriations Act; providing an effective date.

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

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24 Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 40.29, Florida
25 Statutes, is amended to read:

26 40.29 Payment of due-process costs.—

27 (5) The Justice Administrative Commission shall provide
28 funds to the clerks of the court to compensate jurors, to pay
29 for meals or lodging provided to jurors, and to pay for jury-
30 related personnel and operational costs as provided in this
31 section. Each clerk of the court shall submit a request for
32 reimbursement ~~forward~~ to the Clerks of Court Operations
33 Corporation within 20 days after each quarter attesting to the
34 clerk's actual costs ~~Justice Administrative Commission a~~
35 ~~quarterly estimate of funds necessary to compensate jurors, to~~
36 ~~and pay for meals or lodging provided to jurors, and to pay for~~
37 jury-related personnel and operational costs ~~during the upcoming~~
38 ~~quarter~~. The Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation
39 shall review the request for reimbursement to ensure that the
40 costs are reasonable and directly related to jury management.
41 The Clerks of Court Operations Corporation shall forward to the
42 Justice Administrative Commission a quarterly estimate of the
43 amount necessary to reimburse each clerk of the court unless the
44 total request for reimbursement by the clerks exceeds the
45 quarterly funds available provided by the Justice Administrative
46 Commission, in which case the Clerks of Court Operations
47 Corporation shall adjust the cumulative total to match the
48 available funds before submitting the request to the Justice
49 Administrative Commission ~~for its personnel and other costs~~
50 ~~related to jury management~~. Upon receipt of each request for

51 reimbursement ~~such estimates~~, the Justice Administrative
52 Commission shall review ~~determine~~ the amount deemed necessary
53 for payment to the clerks of the court for the most recently
54 completed ~~during the upcoming~~ quarter, determine if the total
55 payment amount is available, and submit a request for payment to
56 the Chief Financial Officer. ~~If the Justice Administrative~~
57 ~~Commission believes that the amount appropriated by the~~
58 ~~Legislature is insufficient to meet such costs during the~~
59 ~~remaining part of the state fiscal year, the commission may~~
60 ~~apportion the funds appropriated in the General Appropriations~~
61 ~~Act for those purposes among the several counties, basing the~~
62 ~~apportionment upon the amount expended for such purposes in each~~
63 ~~county during the prior fiscal year, in which case, the Chief~~
64 ~~Financial Officer shall issue the appropriate apportioned amount~~
65 ~~by warrant to each county.~~ The clerks of the court are
66 responsible for any compensation to jurors, for payments for
67 meals or lodging provided to jurors, and for jury-related
68 personnel and operational costs that exceed the funding provided
69 in the General Appropriations Act for these purposes.

70 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2020.