

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to clerks of the court; amending s.
3 40.29, F.S.; requiring the clerks of court to submit a
4 request for reimbursement for jury-related costs to
5 the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation
6 within specified timeframes; requiring the corporation
7 to review the requests for reimbursement; requiring
8 the corporation to submit certain information to the
9 Justice Administrative Commission; requiring the
10 commission to review the information and submit a
11 request for payment to the Chief Financial Officer
12 under certain circumstances; removing a provision
13 authorizing the commission to apportion funds among
14 the counties for certain purposes; providing an
15 effective date.

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

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

21 40.29 Payment of due-process costs.—

22 (5) The Justice Administrative Commission shall provide
23 funds to the clerks of the court to compensate jurors, to pay
24 for meals or lodging provided to jurors, and to pay for jury-
25 related personnel costs as provided in this section. Each clerk

26 | of the court shall submit a request for reimbursement ~~forward~~ to
27 | the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation within 20
28 | days after each quarter attesting to the clerk's actual costs
29 | ~~Justice Administrative Commission a quarterly estimate of funds~~
30 | necessary to compensate jurors, to ~~and~~ pay for meals or lodging
31 | provided to jurors, and to pay for jury-related personnel costs
32 | ~~during the upcoming quarter~~. The Florida Clerks of Court
33 | Operations Corporation shall review the request for
34 | reimbursement to ensure that the costs are reasonably and
35 | directly related to jury management. The Florida Clerks of Court
36 | Operations Corporation shall forward to the Justice
37 | ~~Administrative Commission a quarterly estimate of~~ the amount
38 | necessary to reimburse each clerk of the court for its personnel
39 | and other costs related to jury management unless the total
40 | request for reimbursement by the clerks exceeds the quarterly
41 | funds available to the Justice Administrative Commission, in
42 | which case the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation
43 | shall adjust the cumulative total to match the available funds
44 | before submitting the request to the Justice Administrative
45 | Commission. Upon receipt of each request for reimbursement ~~such~~
46 | ~~estimates~~, the Justice Administrative Commission shall review
47 | ~~determine~~ the amount deemed necessary for payment to the clerks
48 | of the court for the most recently completed ~~during the upcoming~~
49 | quarter, determine if the total payment amount is available, and
50 | submit a request for payment to the Chief Financial Officer. ~~If~~

51 ~~the Justice Administrative Commission believes that the amount~~
52 ~~appropriated by the Legislature is insufficient to meet such~~
53 ~~costs during the remaining part of the state fiscal year, the~~
54 ~~commission may apportion the funds appropriated in the General~~
55 ~~Appropriations Act for those purposes among the several~~
56 ~~counties, basing the apportionment upon the amount expended for~~
57 ~~such purposes in each county during the prior fiscal year, in~~
58 ~~which case, the Chief Financial Officer shall issue the~~
59 ~~appropriate apportioned amount by warrant to each county. The~~
60 clerks of the court are responsible for any compensation to
61 jurors, for payments for meals or lodging provided to jurors,
62 and for jury-related personnel costs that exceed the funding
63 provided in the General Appropriations Act for these purposes.

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