Chapter 546

(Senate Bill 775)

AN ACT concerning

Courts – Payment for Jury Service

FOR the purpose of increasing the State per diem for jury service under certain circumstances; and generally relating to payment for jury service.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 8–426 Annotated Code of Maryland (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

8-426.

(a) Subject to subsection (b) of this section, an individual is entitled, for each day that an individual is required to be in attendance at or proximity to a circuit court for a county for jury service, to:

(1) A State per diem of **[**\$15**] \$30**; and

(2) The supplement, if any, authorized by the county.

(b) A trial juror is entitled:

(1) For the first 5 days of jury service in one trial, to a State per diem of [\$15] **\$30**; and

(2) For each day of jury service in one trial in excess of 5 days, a State per diem of \$50.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2022.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 29, 2022.