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(a) In this section, "day" means the length of time in any 24-hour period during which a juror is required to be in attendance at or in proximity to the court in which the juror has been called as a juror.

(b) A juror shall receive a State per diem amount of ~~[\$5]~~ \$15 for each day the juror attends court.

~~[(c) The government of each county AND BALTIMORE CITY may supplement the State per diem amount by local ordinance.]~~

~~[(d)](C) There shall be included in the State budget for the [Judiciary Department of Maryland] JUDICIAL BRANCH beginning in fiscal year [2000, an authorization] ~~2001~~ 2002, AN APPROPRIATION to the Administrative Office of the Courts in the total amount necessary to pay jurors the State per diem amount.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That each individual serving as a standing circuit court master before April 1, ~~2001~~ 2002, shall make a written election between State and county employment. Standing masters hired on or after April 1, ~~2001~~ 2002, and before July 1, ~~2001~~ 2002, shall make a written election between State and county or Baltimore City employment at the time of hiring.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That any master who elects to become a State employee under this Act shall be in the personnel system of the Judicial Branch. These employees shall be credited with the years of service with the county or Baltimore City for purposes of seniority, including the determination of leave accumulation, and shall become members of the Employees' Pension System of the State of Maryland. All previous pension contributions shall be transferred in accordance with Title 37 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article. These employees shall receive no diminution in accumulated leave solely as a result of the transfer. Annual leave in excess of that which may be retained annually in the personnel system of the Judicial Branch may be retained at the time of transfer if that accumulation was permitted by the former employer. It shall be the responsibility of the former employer to pay whatever moneys are due, including but not limited to unpaid wages, accumulated compensatory leave, and unpaid reimbursement requests, upon termination of county or Baltimore City employment as of July 1, 2002 to any employee transferred under this section.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That a master who remains a county or Baltimore City employee shall be entitled to all county or Baltimore City salary and benefits to which the master was entitled as of December 31, ~~2000~~ 2001, and that are available generally to all county or Baltimore City employees within analogous salary and benefits classifications. A county or Baltimore City may not subsequently modify the salary or benefits of a county or Baltimore City employed master unless the modification applies generally to all county or Baltimore City employees within analogous salary and benefits classifications.

SECTION ~~4~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State shall reimburse a county or Baltimore City on a quarterly basis for salaries and benefits of county or Baltimore City employed masters, beginning in fiscal year ~~2001~~ 2002,