

(22) Washington County—\$15 expense money, plus an additional \$5 expense money if his service extends past 6:00 p.m.; mileage allowance as set by the County Commissioners.

(23) Wicomico County—\$15 expense money; no mileage allowance.

(24) Worcester County—\$15 expense money; mileage allowance as set by the County Commissioners.]

(c) The government of each county [shall levy each year a sum sufficient to pay jurors the amounts due them] MAY SUPPLEMENT THE STATE PER DIEM AMOUNT BY LOCAL ORDINANCE.

(d) [A juror's compensation or expense money may not be less than the amount provided on July 1, 1969, by the county in which the juror serves] THERE SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT OF MARYLAND BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2000, AN AUTHORIZATION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NECESSARY TO PAY JURORS FOR EXPENSE MONEY THE STATE PER DIEM AMOUNT.

~~Article—State Personnel and Pensions~~

~~23-201.~~

~~(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, §§ 23-202 through 23-205 of this subtitle apply only to:~~

~~(1) a regular employee whose compensation is provided by State appropriation or paid from State funds;~~

~~(2) an appointed or elected official of the State, including:~~

~~(i) a clerk of the circuit court;~~

~~(ii) a register of wills;~~

~~(iii) a State's Attorney; [and]~~

~~(iv) a sheriff; AND~~

~~(v) A STATE STANDING MASTER;~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed to preempt presently existing county per diem juror expenses and that counties may continue to provide per diem expenses in excess of the State per diem amount established under Section 1 of this Act without enacting local ordinances. a county shall supplement the State per diem amount established under § 8-106 of the Courts Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act so that the total per diem amount and other expenses do not fall below the amount required under § 8-106 of the Courts Article prior to the effective date of this Act, unless a county modifies the supplemental amount by local ordinance.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Administrative Office of the Courts, in consultation with the Maryland State Bar Association and the