

1971 Assembly Bill 498

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**CHAPTER 297, Laws of 1971**

AN ACT to create 270.165 of the statutes, relating to taxing jury fees.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

270.165 of the statutes is created to read:

**270.165 JURY FEES; DISCRETION OF COURT.** The court shall have discretionary authority in any civil or criminal action or proceeding triable by jury to assess the entire cost of one day's juror fees for a jury of 6 or 12, whichever is demanded, including all mileage costs, against either the plaintiff or defendant or to divide the cost and assess same against both plaintiff and defendant, or additional parties plaintiff or defendant, if a jury demand has been made in any case and in the event a jury demand is later withdrawn within 48 hours prior to the time set by the court for the commencement of the trial. The party assessed shall be required to make payment to the clerk of circuit court within a prescribed period and the payment thereof shall be enforced by contempt proceedings.

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