State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-FOURTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 1999

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SENATE BILL NO. 70

Introduced by: Senators Bogue, Benson, Dennert, Drake, Hutmacher, and Rounds and Representatives Michels and Hunt

- 1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise certain provisions relating to fees and mileage for
- witnesses.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:
- 4 Section 1. That § 19-5-1 be amended to read as follows:
- 5 19-5-1. Each witness shall receive, for each day's attendance before any court, board, or
- 6 tribunal in any civil or criminal case twenty dollars and for each mile actually traveled by the
- 7 usual route of travel, each way twenty-one cents mileage at such rate as may be established
- 8 pursuant to § 3-9-1. Such mileage is limited to the distance from the place of trial to the point
- 9 where such witness first entered the state, if he comes from without the state each mile actually
- and necessarily traveled. In any criminal case involving violation of a state law, witness fees on
- the part of the state shall be paid by the proper county, and the fees of <u>any</u> material witness on
- the part of the defendant shall be paid by the county unless otherwise ordered by the court. In
- any case involving violation of an ordinance, the local unit of government passing the ordinance
- shall pay the witness fees unless otherwise ordered by the court.
- However, no individual person may receive witness fees if he is serving a period of
- incarceration in a state, county or municipal facility at the time he that person appears as a

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1 witness.