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CHAPTER 536

AN ACT to create 20.260 (2) and 957.26 (1m) of the statutes, relating to the payment of costs for indigent defendants.

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

SECTION 1. 20.260 (2) of the statutes is created to read:

20.260 (2) COURT COSTS. There is appropriated to the administrative director of courts from the general fund annually such sums as may be

necessary for reimbursement to counties for court costs as provided by s. 957.26 (1m), based on vouchers duly filed by the counties for such claims, verified and certified by the administrative director of the courts and filed with the department of administration.

SECTION 2. 957.26 (1m) of the statutes is created to read:

957.26 (1m) In all cases involving indigent defendants the county shall be liable for only the first \$10,000 of costs arising from the trial of such case. The state shall be liable for any additional costs and shall reimburse the county out of the appropriation provided by s. 20.260 (2). Upon completion of the trial and compilation of the costs of a case, the clerk of court shall file with the administrative director of the courts the county claim for reimbursement of court costs which shall include the following items:

- (a) Costs of preliminary hearing.
- (b) Court expenses prior to trial.
- (c) Jurors.
- (d) Bailiffs.
- (e) Witnesses, expert witnesses and medical expenses.
- (f) Extra help in office of clerk of courts, and supplies.
- (g) State crime laboratory charges.
- (h) Attorney fees.
- (i) Meals, lodging and mileage for attorneys.
- (j) Transcript fees.
- (k) Total costs to sheriff's department of prisoner's expenses and other items.
- (l) Any other expenses related to the case.

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