

HR 6747

District of Columbia Courts Improvement Act of 2022

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Sponsor

Name: Del. Norton, Eleanor Holmes [D-DC-At Large]

Party: Democratic • **State:** DC • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Oversight and Government Reform Committee	House	Referred To	Feb 15, 2022

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill amends certain laws relating to the District of Columbia (DC) courts.

The bill revises and modifies the rules and procedures for the service of jurors in the DC courts, including to allow the exclusion from jury service of an individual who is 70 years of age or older upon the person's request. Grand and petit jurors serving in the Superior Court shall receive fees and allowances at the same rates provided for fees and allowances paid to grand and petit jurors appearing in the district courts of the United States.

The bill adjusts the amount of compensation paid to attorneys representing indigent defendants in criminal cases and criminal investigators in DC courts to equal the amount that is paid to such persons with regard to a U.S. district court.

The bill also

- modifies the process for appointment of the Register of Wills;
- authorizes retroactive pay adjustments for employees of the DC courts;
- revises certain administrative functions, including those concerning use of fees, acceptance of gifts, procurement of motor vehicles, and use of space in courts buildings; and
- revises the administration of the Small Claims and Conciliation Branch, including regarding the use of arbitration, mediation, and conciliation to settle cases.

Actions Timeline

- **Feb 15, 2022:** Introduced in House
- **Feb 15, 2022:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E150)
- **Feb 15, 2022:** Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.