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**COURT HOLD HARMLESS FUND:  
WAYNE COUNTY DISTRIBUTION**

**House Bill 6185**

**Sponsor: Rep. Michael Nye**

**Committee: Judiciary and Civil Rights**

**Complete to 11-19-96**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6185 AS INTRODUCED 11-12-96**

Public Act 374 (enrolled House Bill 5158) of 1996, among other things, created a new "court equity fund" and a new formula for distributing money for courts from the fund to the state's 83 counties, eliminated special state funding for the three "state-funded" Wayne County trial courts (the Third Circuit Court, the 36th District Court, and Detroit Recorder's Court), and created a five-year, decreasing "hold harmless fund" to be used to make up shortfalls in funding to Wayne County and Detroit under the new court funding formula in the act. Under Public Act 374, Wayne County is to receive the difference of \$22,820,300 (the amount of state general fund/general purpose funds, plus state court funds, allocated to the third judicial circuit, recorder's court, and Wayne County clerk services by the supreme court for fiscal year 1995-96) and the amount the county received for reimbursement of compensation paid to jurors minus the amount Wayne County receives under the new state court equity fund distribution formula in that fiscal year.

The bill would make technical amendments to this section of the Revised Judicature Act, specifying that the amount that Wayne County received for reimbursement of juror fees was \$1,438,900, adding that the amount the county would receive would be the difference between "the total" of both the \$22,820,300 "plus" the \$1,438,900 in juror reimbursement fees and its allocation from the new state court equity fund distribution formula.

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