

WITNESS FEES.

CHAPTER 151.

[H. B. 50.]

PAYMENT OF WITNESS FEES.

AN ACT to Provide for the Allowance and Payment of Witness Fees in Certain Cases.

Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:

§ 1. WITNESS FEES MAY BE ALLOWED AND PAID IN CERTAIN CASES.] In any criminal case in which it may be made to appear to the satisfaction of the trial judge that a witness who shall have been required, pursuant to section 7973 of the Revised Codes, to enter into an undertaking, with sureties, for his appearance at the trial court, there to testify on behalf of the state, and who shall have been committed to and confined in prison, under section 7975 of the Revised Codes, was actually unable to obtain and furnish acceptable sureties, by reason of being a stranger or a transient in the community, or for other good and sufficient reason, such judge may, in his discretion, order the allowance to such witness, and the payment by the proper county, of witness fees, at the rate of fifty cents per day, for and during the period of his imprisonment.

§ 2. EMERGENCY.] *Whereas*, An emergency exists in that there is now no provision of law applicable to cases such as are provided for in the preceding section, and such cases are liable to occur at any time in criminal prosecutions; *Therefore* this act shall take effect, and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Approved February 18th, 1897.