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Local governments are among the employers that must give employees time off for jury services if presented an appropriate summons to report to jury duty. T.C.A. § 22-4-106(a)(1). The employee is entitled to his/her usual compensation, however, the employer has the discretion to deduct the amount of the fee or compensation the employee receives for serving as a juror. Local governments with less than five (5) employees on a regular basis or if the juror is employed for less than six (6) months, the government is not required to compensate the juror during period of jury service. T.C.A. § 22-4-106(b).

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