

NJA Proposed Amendments to AB 3:

The amended language in Sec. 2(4)(b)(2) clarifies an error in previous amendment, Amendment 285.

EXPLANATION: Matters in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of **green bold underlining** is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; and (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

Section 2(4)

4. The rules must include:

- (a) Provisions for the payment of fees **and costs, including the specific maximum amounts of compensation,** to an arbitrator who is appointed to hear a case pursuant to the rules **shall be set by court rule, unless otherwise authorized by the judge or arbitration commissioner for good cause shown.** ~~The rules must provide that an arbitrator must be compensated at a rate of [\$100] \$150 per hour, to a maximum of [\$1,000] \$2,000 per case, unless otherwise authorized by the arbitration commissioner for good cause shown.~~
- (b) Guidelines ~~for the~~ *authorizing an arbitrator to* award ~~of attorney's~~ *to the prevailing party:*
- (1) *Attorney's fees ~~and~~ in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, as provided by specific statute or court rule; and*
- (2) ~~Fees, costs~~ **Costs** ~~and interest in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, as provided by specific statute or court rule.~~