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AN ACT

2020 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 726

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BY REPRESENTATIVES FONTENOT AND ZERINGUE

COURTS/COURT REPORTERS: Provides relative to court reporter fees

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2558(A), relative to certified shorthand reporters; to provide 3 relative to the board of examiners for shorthand reporters; to provide relative to fees 4 collected from applicants; and to provide for related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 37:2558(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 7 §2558. Fees 8 A. The board shall collect fees from each applicant for a certificate as 9 hereinafter provided. The board shall have power to require a reinstatement fee for 10 suspended or revoked delinquent certificates, a reciprocal fee for certification 11 without examination, and an annual renewal fee for all certificates and to collect 12 therefor a fee of such amount as may be fixed by the board according to the 13 following schedule: 14 (1) The fee for reinstatement of a suspended or revoked certificate shall not 15 exceed twenty-five one hundred dollars for a certificate delinquent for a period of up 16 to one year, one two hundred dollars for a certificate delinquent for a period of up 17 to two years, or two hundred fifty dollars for a certificate delinquent for a period of 18 two or more years and shall be in addition to the payment of all delinquent renewal 19 fees.

1 (2) The fee for issuance of a reciprocal certificate without examination shall
2 not exceed one hundred twenty-five two hundred fifty dollars.
3 (3) The fee for annual renewal of a certificate shall not exceed one hundred
4 twenty-five one hundred seventy-five dollars.
5 (4) The fee for issuance of a new certificate to a reporter admitted to practice
6 as a certified court reporter, or C.C.R., shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five two
7 hundred fifty dollars.
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DIGEST

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Abstract: Changes the maximum amount of fees that the board of examiners for shorthand reporters may charge applicants.

<u>Present law</u> provides that the board of examiners for shorthand reporters shall collect fees from each applicant.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the board of examiners to require a reinstatement fee for suspended or revoked delinquent certificates, a reciprocal fee for certification without examination, and an annual renewal fee for all certificates and to collect a fee of such amount as may be fixed by the board according to the following schedule:

- (1) The fee for reinstatement of a suspended or revoked certificate shall not exceed \$25 for a certificate delinquent for a period of up to one year, \$100 for a certificate delinquent for a period of up to two years, or \$200 for a certificate delinquent for a period of two or more years and shall be in addition to the payment of all delinquent renewal fees.
- (2) The fee for issuance of a reciprocal certificate without examination shall not exceed \$125.
- (3) The fee for annual renewal of a certificate shall not exceed \$125.
- (4) The fee for issuance of a new certificate to a reporter admitted to practice as a certified court reporter, or C.C.R., shall not exceed \$125.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and changes the maximum amount of fees to be charged as follows:

(1) For a certificate delinquent for a period of up to one year, the fee for reinstatement of a suspended or revoked certificate changes <u>from</u> not exceeding \$25 <u>to</u> not exceeding \$100. For a certificate delinquent for a period of up to two years, the fee for reinstatement of a suspended or revoked certificate changes <u>from</u> not exceeding \$100 <u>to</u> not exceeding \$200. For a certificate delinquent for a period of two years

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- or more, the fee for reinstatement of a suspended or revoked certificate changes $\underline{\text{from}}$ not exceeding \$200 $\underline{\text{to}}$ not exceeding \$250 in addition to the payment of all delinquent renewal fees.
- (2) The fee for issuance of a reciprocal certificate without examination changes <u>from</u> not exceeding \$125 <u>to</u> not exceeding \$250.
- (3) The fee for annual renewal of a certificate changes <u>from</u> not exceeding \$125 <u>to</u> not exceeding \$175.
- (4) The fee for issuance of a new certificate to a reporter admitted to practice as a certified court reporter, or C.C.R., changes <u>from</u> not exceeding \$125 <u>to</u> not exceeding \$250.

(Amends R.S. 37:2558(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Judiciary</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:

1. Change the maximum amount charged for the annual renewal of a certificate from \$250 to \$175.