

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 789

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COURTS/COURT REPORTERS: Provides relative to court reporter fees in the Fourteenth Judicial District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:964(H), relative to court reporters for the Fourteenth Judicial
3 District Court; to extend application of fees to all reported and transcribed cases; and
4 to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:964(H) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §964. Court reporters for Fourteenth Judicial District

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9 H. In all cases ~~which are reported and transcribed for appeal, a fee of three~~
10 ~~dollars and twenty-five cents per page for originals, and seventy-five cents per page~~
11 ~~for each copy, shall be charged by and paid to the reporter. In those cases which are~~
12 ~~reported but not transcribed, one-half of the fees provided in this Subsection for~~
13 ~~originals shall be charged by and paid to the reporter. Such fees shall be retained by~~
14 a majority of the judges shall determine the amount of the fee which shall be paid to
15 the court reporter for the transcription of each page of all testimony reported and
16 transcribed and the amount of the fee per copy of each page of transcribed testimony.
17 The provisions of this Section shall also apply to cases which are reported but not
18 transcribed. Such fees shall be retained by the reporter as compensation, in addition
19 to the salary provided for in Subsection G of this Section, and shall be taxed as costs
20 of the suit in which the testimony is taken.

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1 Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:62, the change in court costs
2 or fees as provided by this Act shall become effective if and when the Judicial Council
3 provides a recommendation that such court costs or fees meet the applicable guidelines in
4 its report to the Louisiana Legislature. No fees shall be imposed or collected without
5 Judicial Council approval.

DIGEST

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HB 789 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides relative to court reporters for the 14th JDC.

Present law provides that, for all cases that are reported and transcribed for an appeal, a fee of \$3.25 per page for originals and \$0.75 per page for each copy shall be charged by and paid to the court reporter.

Proposed law provides that, in the 14th JDC, a majority of the judges shall determine the amount of the fee which shall be paid to the court reporter for the transcription of each page of all testimony reported and transcribed and the amount of the fee per copy of each page of transcribed testimony. Provides further that proposed law shall also apply to cases which are reported but not transcribed.

Proposed law requires approval from the Judicial Council prior to proposed law becoming effective.

(Amends R.S. 13:964(H))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Require the judges to determine certain fees to be paid to court reporters.
2. Require Judicial Council approval of the additional court fee.