

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

**ACT 291 (HB 187)**

**2026 Regular Session**

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New law authorizes a stenographer-reporter of the Bd. of Tax Appeals to prepare, certify, and charge for a transcript in accordance with the board's rules.

New law requires that the stenographer-reporter be considered to have the authority of an official reporter for the board in the same manner as if appointed by the district court for the parish of the board's domicile and be considered a certified digital reporter during his or her continued employment in that capacity.

Existing law establishes a court reporter pool of 30 court reporters employed by the La. Supreme Court from which the court reporters are authorized to be assigned from time to time to any of the various state district courts as the need arises to lodge transcripts for criminal appeals and other necessary purposes for appellate courts.

New law designates the 30 court reporters as emergency court reporters that are either employed or approved by the La. Supreme Court.

New law requires an emergency court reporter to prepare, certify, and charge for a transcript in accordance with rules duly adopted by the La. Supreme Court for that purpose.

Prior law required that, in addition to all fees for court reporters provided for in existing law, each court reporter in the pool be paid an annual salary in the amount of \$15,000.

Prior law required the La. Supreme Court to provide for the salaries, related costs, and travel expenses of the court reporters in its annual budget for operations of the court and prohibited reimbursement for the travel expenses of pool court reporters from exceeding the amount allowed for other state employees.

Effective upon signature of governor (May 22, 2026).

(Amends R.S. 13:981(A) and (D); Adds R.S. 13:961(J))