

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

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(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Authorizes an increase in fees charged by court reporters in the 27th Judicial District Court

DIGEST

Abstract: Authorizes an increase in court reporter fees for the 27th Judicial District Court upon review and recommendation of the Judicial Council that costs meet the applicable guidelines.

Present law authorizes the court reporters in the 27th JDC to charge and collect as compensation in addition to salary, a fee of \$2.50 per page for the original and 50¢ per page for copies reported and transcribed in all civil and criminal cases.

Proposed law retains present law except that it changes the collected fees from \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Present law requires court reporters to be paid a fee of \$2.25 per 31-line page transcript and 25¢ per page for each copy, as funds become available, to be paid from the criminal indigent transcript fund by the court.

Proposed law retains present law except that it changes the collected fees from \$2.25 to \$3.50.

Proposed law provides for the increase in court costs to become effective if and when the Judicial Council reviews such request and makes a recommendation to the legislature in its 2016 report that costs meet the applicable guidelines.

(Amends R.S. 13:971(B)(1)(a), (2), and (7))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add an effective date for the increase in court costs to become effective if and when the Judicial Council reviews such request and makes a recommendation to the legislature in its 2016 report.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the engrossed bill

1. Specifies that the recommendation of the Judicial Council in 2016 provides that costs meet the applicable guidelines.