2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 187

BY REPRESENTATIVE MUSCARELLO

COURTS/COURT REPORTERS: Repeals the provisions of law establishing a court reporter pool employed by the supreme court

1   AN ACT

2   To repeal R.S. 13:981, relative to court reporter pools; to repeal provisions establishing a

3   court reporter pool employed by the supreme court; and to repeal provisions relative

4   to rules, procedures, and guidelines with respect to the court reporter pool.

5   Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6   Section 1. R.S. 13:981 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Repeals provisions regarding a court reporter pool employed by the supreme court.

Present law establishes a court reporter pool of 30 court reporters employed by the supreme court for assignment to the various district courts.

Present law provides that court reporters in the pool are in addition to all other court reporters provided for in the district courts. Further provides that the pool court reporters have the same qualifications, duties, responsibilities, and pay as reporters in a district court.

Present law requires the supreme court to assign the pool court reporters on a geographical basis.

Present law provides for an annual salary to pool court reporters of $15,000 paid by the supreme court from its annual budget. Further limits the travel expenses of pool court reporters to the amount allowed for other state employees.

Present law allows the judicial administrator to secure court reporting services from a shorthand court reporting company as needed rather than employing the full quota of pool court reporters.

Proposed law repeals present law.

(Repeals R.S. 13:981)