

SENATE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

2026 Regular Session

Amendments proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to Engrossed House Bill No. 187 by Representative Muscarello

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, line 2, after "To" delete the remainder of the line and insert the following:

"amend and reenact R.S. 13:981(A) and (D) and to enact R.S. 13:961(J), relative to court reporter pools; to provide concerning stenographer-reporters of the Board of Tax Appeals; to revise provisions establishing a"

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, at the end of line 3, after "and to" change "repeal" to "revise"

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 1, line 7, after "Section 1." delete the remainder of the line and insert the following:

"R.S. 13:981(A) and (D) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 13:961(J) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

§961. Court reporters, generally

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J. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a stenographer-reporter of the Board of Tax Appeals as authorized pursuant to R.S. 47:1404 and 1416 shall prepare, certify, and charge for a transcript in accordance with the board's rules. The stenographer-reporter shall 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 shall be considered a certified digital reporter during his or her continued employment in that capacity.

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§981. Court reporter pools

A. There is hereby established a court reporter pool of thirty emergency court reporters employed or approved by the supreme court from which said court reporters may be assigned from time to time to any of the various district courts in the state as the need arises in order that transcripts for criminal appeals and other necessary purposes may be timely lodged in the appellate courts.

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D. In addition to all fees for court reporters provided for in R.S. 13:961, each court reporter in the pool shall be paid an annual salary by the state in the amount of fifteen thousand dollars. The supreme court shall provide for the salaries, related costs, and travel expenses of the court reporters in its annual budget for operations of the court. Reimbursement for travel expenses of pool court reporters shall not exceed the amount allowed other state employees. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, an emergency court reporter appointed pursuant to the authority of this Section shall prepare, certify, and charge for a transcript in accordance with rules duly adopted by the Supreme Court for that purpose. An emergency court reporter under this Section shall be considered to have the authority of an official reporter for a district court in the same manner as if appointed by it.

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval."