

Regular Session, 2011

HOUSE BILL NO. 263

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHANDLER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COURTS/COURT REPORTERS: Provides certification requirements for certain court reporters

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2554(B)(2), relative to shorthand reporters; to extend the date
3 for compliance with certain certification requirements; to remove certain parish
4 courts from the certification exemption; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 37:2554(B)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

7 §2554. Qualifications; examinations; certificates

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9 B.

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11 (2) Any person duly holding a certification in digital reporting from a
12 recognized authority as defined in R.S. 37:2555, or any person employed as an
13 official court reporter or deputy official court reporter by a court of record utilizing
14 electronic or audio recording as a method of official court reporting on or before
15 December 31, ~~2010~~ 2011, shall be certified as long as they remain employed by that
16 court as an official or deputy official court reporter. The provisions of this Paragraph
17 shall not be applicable to the Fifteenth, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Nineteenth,
18 Thirty-Second, Thirty-Fourth, and Fortieth Judicial District Courts, the Orleans
19 Parish Civil District Court, the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court, ~~the Jefferson~~
20 ~~Parish First and Second Parish Courts~~, the New Orleans First and Second City

1 Courts, the New Orleans Municipal and Traffic Courts, and on and after the effective
2 date of its creation, the Forty-First Judicial District Court.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the eligibility of certain court reporters to be certified for digital court reporting.

Present law provides that persons employed as official court reporters and deputy court reporters of a court of record shall be subject to the certification requirements applicable to certified court reporters and provides that any person employed as a court reporter or deputy court reporter on or before Dec. 31, 2010, by a court which uses electronic or audio recording equipment shall be certified as long as he remains employed by that court in such capacity.

Proposed law extends the date from Dec. 31, 2010, to Dec. 31, 2011.

Present law excludes certain courts from the certification requirements applicable to certified court reporters.

Proposed law deletes the Jefferson Parish First and Second Parish Courts from the exclusion in present law.

(Amends R.S. 37:2554(B)(2))