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Abstract: Authorizes an increase in court reporter fees for the 27th Judicial District Court on Aug. 1, 2017.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the court reporter in the 27th JDC to charge and collect as compensation in addition to salary, a fee of \$3.50 per page for the original and 50¢ per page for copies reported and transcribed in all civil and criminal cases.

<u>Present law</u> requires court reporters to be paid a fee of \$3.50 per 31-line page transcript and 50¢ per page for each copy to be paid from the criminal indigent transcript fund by the court.

<u>Present law</u> (Act No. 194 of 2015 R.S.) provides that the increase in court reporter fees provided for under <u>present law</u> are contingent upon and become effective if and when the Judicial Council reviews such request and makes a recommendation to the legislature in its 2016 report.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the Judicial Council contingency language in <u>present law</u> and provides an effective date of Aug. 1, 2017.

(Amends Act No. 194 of the 2015 R.S., §2)