

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law authorized court reporters in the 14th JDC in Calcasieu Parish to charge \$2.25 per page for originals and \$.25 per page for copies for all cases which are reported and transcribed for appeal, and for all cases which are reported but not transcribed, one-half of those fees.

New law increases the fees from \$2.25 to \$3.25 per page for originals and from \$.25 to \$.75 for copies that court reporters in the 14th JDC in Calcasieu Parish can charge for all cases which are reported and transcribed for appeal.

Existing law requires the court administrator for the 14th JDC to establish a criminal indigent transcript fund for deposit of all monies received for payment of court reporter fees for transcripts prepared for indigents.

Existing law requires the fund to be used only to compensate criminal court reporters for preparation of any transcript for indigent defendants, including trials, motions, hearings on writs, and all court proceedings.

Prior law required that the court reporters be paid a fee of \$2.25 per 31-line page and \$.25 per page copy in all cases, by the court administrator, as funds become available.

New law increases the court reporter fees from \$2.25 to \$3.25 per 32-line page and from \$.25 to \$.75 per page copy on transcripts for indigent defendants.

New law repeals a duplicative provision of law referring to court reporter fees in Calcasieu Parish.

New law becomes effective upon a recommendation by the Judicial Council in its 2018 report.

(Amends R.S. 13:964(H) and 964.1(B); Repeals R.S. 13:964.2)