2020 First Extraordinary Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 27

BY REPRESENTATIVE ZERINGUE

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2553(D) and 2558(A), to enact R.S. 37:2551.1, and to repeal
3	R.S. 37:2551.1, relative to the board of examiners of certified shorthand reporters;
4	to create the Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters Fund; to provide
5	relative to the disbursement of funds; to provide relative to fees collected from
6	applicants; and to provide for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 37:2553(D) is hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 37:2551.1 is
9	hereby enacted to read as follows:
10	§2551.1. Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters Fund
11	There is hereby created in the state treasury, as a special custodial fund, the
12	Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters Fund, hereinafter referred to
13	as the "fund". All monies received by the board pursuant to R.S. 37:2558 shall be
14	deposited into the fund. Monies in the fund shall be used exclusively for the
15	expenses of the members of the board and the expenses of the board that are
16	necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter, and disbursements from the
17	fund shall be authorized only by a majority of members of the board. The chairman
18	shall join with the secretary-treasurer of the board in signing a warrant to have the
19	net deposits paid to the board. Monies in the fund shall be invested in the same
20	manner as monies in the state general fund. Interest earned on investment of monies
21	in the fund shall be credited to the fund. Unexpended and unencumbered monies in
22	the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.
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1	§2553. Duties of the board of examiners; officers; records
2	* * *
3	D. The expenses of the members of the board and the expenses of the board
4	that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter shall be paid from the
5	fees collected by the board under the provisions of R.S. 37:2558 Board of Examiners
6	of Certified Shorthand Reporters Fund. Within sixty days following the end of the
7	state's fiscal year, the board shall prepare an accounting of expenses incurred and
8	funds received during the prior fiscal year.
9	Section 2. R.S. 37:2558(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
10	§2558. Fees
11	A. The board shall collect fees from each applicant for a certificate as
12	hereinafter provided by this Section. The board shall have power to require a
13	reinstatement fee for suspended or revoked delinquent certificates, a reciprocal fee
14	for certification without examination, and an annual renewal fee for all certificates
15	and to collect therefor a fee of such amount as may be fixed by the board according
16	to the following schedule:
17	(1) The fee for reinstatement of a suspended or revoked certificate shall not
18	exceed twenty-five one hundred dollars for a certificate delinquent for a period of up
19	to one year, one two hundred dollars for a certificate delinquent for a period of up
20	to two years, or two hundred fifty dollars for a certificate delinquent for a period of
21	two or more years and shall be in addition to the payment of all delinquent renewal
22	fees.
23	(2) The fee for issuance of a reciprocal certificate without examination shall
24	not exceed one hundred twenty-five two hundred fifty dollars.
25	(3) The fee for annual renewal of a certificate shall not exceed one hundred
26	twenty-five one hundred seventy-five dollars.
27	(4) The fee for issuance of a new certificate to a reporter admitted to practice
28	as a certified court reporter, or C.C.R., shall not exceed one hundred twenty-five two
29	hundred fifty dollars.
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1	Section 3. R.S. 37:2553(D) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
2	§2553. Duties of the board of examiners; officers; records
3	* * *
4	D. The expenses of the members of the board and the expenses of the board
5	that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Chapter shall be paid from the
6	Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters Fund fees collected by the
7	board under the provisions of R.S. 37:2558. Within sixty days following the end of
8	the state's fiscal year, the board shall prepare an accounting of expenses incurred and
9	funds received during the prior fiscal year.
10	Section 4. R.S. 37:2551.1 is hereby repealed in its entirety.
11	Section 5. The state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to immediately
12	transfer any monies remaining in the Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters
13	Fund on January 1, 2021, directly to the Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand
14	Reporters.
15	Section 6.(A) The provisions of this Section and Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall
16	become effective July 1, 2020.
17	(B) The provisions of Sections 3, 4, and 5 of this Act shall become effective January
18	1, 2021.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____