

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 49

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN

COURTS/COURT REPORTERS: Provides relative to transcription fees charged by court reporters in the Thirty-Sixth Judicial District

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:961(F)(1)(o), relative to transcription fees for the Thirty-Sixth  
3 Judicial District; to authorize a change in transcription fees in all cases; to provide  
4 for the cost per page for an original transcript and copies in appellate cases; and to  
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:961(F)(1)(o) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §961. Court reporters; generally

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10 F.(1)

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12 (o) In the Thirty-Sixth Judicial District, a majority of the judges shall  
13 determine the amount of the fee which shall be paid to the court reporter for the  
14 transcription of each page of all testimony reported and transcribed in all cases;  
15 ~~which fee shall not be less than one dollar and fifty cents and shall not exceed two~~  
16 ~~dollars and seventy-five cents per thirty-one-line page~~ and the amount of the fee per  
17 copy of each page of transcribed testimony, ~~which shall not exceed twenty-five~~  
18 cents.

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1           Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:62, the change in court costs  
2 or fees as provided by this Act shall become effective if and when the Judicial Council  
3 provides a recommendation that such court costs or fees meet the applicable guidelines in  
4 its report to the Louisiana Legislature. No fees shall be imposed or collected without Judicial  
5 Council approval.

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#### DIGEST

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HB 49 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Authorizes a change in transcription fees in all cases.

Present law provides that in all cases a court reporter shall not be paid an amount less than \$1.50 or more than \$2.75 per 31-line page for all testimony reported and transcribed and no more than 25¢ per page for copies.

Proposed law requires the fee amounts for transcripts and copies to be determined by a majority vote of the judges of the 36<sup>th</sup> JDC to be paid to the court reporters in addition to their salary.

Proposed law provides that the change in court costs or fees shall become effective upon approval by the Judicial Council.

(Amends R.S. 13:961(F)(1)(o))