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DIGEST

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Present law (R.S. 37:2556) requires that all official court reporters and deputy official court reporters employed as such in a court of record, be subject to the certification requirements of the certified shorthand reporter law and the regulatory authority of the Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters.

Proposed law provides an exception to present law. Authorizes the judges of a district court, acting en banc, to declare a shortage of available certified court reporters in their district. Provides that upon such a declaration and for the duration of the shortage, a judge of that district may appoint as an official or deputy court reporter a court reporter who is properly licensed in another state.

Proposed law provides that a court reporter appointed pursuant to proposed law shall:

(1) Have the same duties and responsibilities as provided for other official and deputy reporters in that court district.

(2) Be entitled to the same fees paid in the same manner as other official and deputy reporters in that court district.

(3) Be paid an equivalent salary, take an oath, and provide a bond as other official and deputy reporters in that court district.

(4) Perform duties under the supervision and direction of the district court judge to whom he is assigned.

(5) Complete a reciprocal application for certification with the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Certified Shorthand Reporters in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 37:2554.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 13:981.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Adds requirements to complete a reciprocal application for certification for a court reporter appointed pursuant to proposed law.