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SB 142 Reengrossed

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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 or digital 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 or digital who is properly licensed in another state.

Proposed law provides requirements for the appointment to be the effective.

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.
- (6) Be prohibited from performing duties as a general or free-lance reporter.

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.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the reengrossed bill:

1. Expand the description of the court reporter shortage to include digital reporters.
2. Expand the appointment of an official or deputy court reporter to include digital reporters.

3. Add provisions relative to the effectiveness of the appointment.
4. Prohibit performance of duties as a general or free-lance reporter.