

SENATE SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS

SB 142

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KEYWORD AND SUMMARY AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

COURTS. Authorizes the utilization of court reporters licensed in another state in certain circumstances. (8/1/23)

SUMMARY OF HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO THE SENATE 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.

DIGEST OF THE SENATE BILL AS RETURNED TO THE SENATE

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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. Provides the Louisiana Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters shall have five days after receipt of both the letter of appointment and a completed application for waiver of regular examination as provided for in (R.S. 37:2554(B)(1)) to conduct an expedited review of the application. The out-of-state reporters shall not engage in duties as a certified digital reporter until completion of this expedited review.

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)

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