

ACT No. 228

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HOUSE BILL NO. 193

BY REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES OWEN

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 13:978(H)(1)(a), relative to transcription fees for the Thirtieth Judicial District; to authorize an increase in transcription fees in civil and criminal cases; to provide for the cost per page for an original transcript and copies in appellate cases; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 13:978(H)(1)(a) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§978. Court reporters for thirtieth judicial district

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H.(1)(a) In all civil and criminal cases, a fee, ~~of one dollar and fifty cents per page and fifty cents per page additional for the first copy, thirty-five cents per page additional for copies reported and transcribed beyond the first copy, as determined by a majority of the judges, which shall not be less than three dollars per page nor exceed six dollars per page for each original thirty-two line page transcribed, and no less than one dollar per page for each additional copy,~~ shall be charged by and paid to the court reporter for reports and for transcribing the testimony which shall be retained by him as compensation in addition to the salary as provided herein, and shall be taxed as costs of the suit in which the testimony is taken to be collected by the clerk of court, except in pauper cases; payment of the fees shall be made primarily by the plaintiff immediately upon the transcription of the evidence, and the court reporter shall not be required to file the transcript with the clerk of court before payment.

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1 Section 2. In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:62, the increase in court
2 costs 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
5 Judicial Council approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____