

HOUSE SUMMARY OF SENATE AMENDMENTS

HB 538

2016 Regular Session

Garofalo

COURTS/COURT REPORTERS: Provides relative to court reporter fees on appeal matters and transcript contracts

Synopsis of Senate Amendments

1. Makes technical amendments to remove duplicative language.

Digest of Bill as Finally Passed by Senate

Present law provides that in all cases in the 34th JDC, the court reporter shall be paid a fee as determined by a majority of the judges en banc which fee shall not exceed \$2.75 for each original 32-line page transcribed and where a copy is requested by a litigant, shall furnish such copy and be paid a fee for each page of the transcript.

Proposed law removes present law relative to a majority of the judges determining the amount of the fee.

Proposed law specifies that for all cases on appeal, the reporter shall be paid a fee not to exceed \$3 for each page transcribed and increases from 25¢ to \$1.50 the per page fee paid by a litigant requesting a copy of the transcript.

Proposed law provides that for matters not on appeal, a litigant requesting a transcript of testimony shall enter into a fee-based private civil contract with the court reporter, which fees shall be in accordance with fees customarily charged in the judicial district for depositions.

(Amends R.S. 13:980(D)(1))