

2016 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 538

BY REPRESENTATIVE GAROFALO

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:980(D)(1), relative to court reporters for the Thirty-Fourth
3 Judicial District Court; to provide for court reporter fees on matters on appeal; to
4 provide for private contracts for transcripts of testimony for matters not on appeal;
5 and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:980(D)(1) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §980. Court reporters for the Thirty-Fourth Judicial District

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10 D(1) In all cases on appeal, the reporter shall be paid a fee ~~as determined by~~
11 ~~a majority of the judges en banc which fee shall not to exceed two dollars and~~
12 ~~seventy five cents~~ three dollars for each original ~~thirty-two line~~ page transcribed and
13 where a copy is requested by a litigant, shall furnish such copy and be paid a fee of
14 one dollar and fifty ~~twenty five~~ cents for each page thereof. At the request of any of
15 the party proceedings, or at the order of a district judge, the court reporter shall
16 transcribe all or part of the testimony or other matter taken down and shall furnish
17 as many copies thereof as may be required by law for an appeal. For matters not on
18 appeal, a litigant requesting a transcript of testimony or other matter transcribed shall
19 enter into a private civil contract with the court reporter for the payment of fees
20 applicable to those contracts. Such fees shall be in accordance with fees customarily
21 charged in the judicial district for depositions. The reporter, except when ordered by
22 the judge, shall not be required to file or furnish any transcribed testimony until the

1 transcription fee is paid. If those parties, or the judge, direct the original
 2 transcription, each party shall pay the expense of transcribing the testimony offered
 3 by him. No fee shall be allowed for transcribing matter other than testimony,
 4 objections and rulings thereon, bills, notes of evidence, and such other matters as
 5 may be ordered by the judge. All such fees shall be paid directly to the court reporter
 6 performing the service as additional compensation and shall be taxed as costs.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____