

2017 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 84

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COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to an increase in fees charged by court reporters in the 27th Judicial District Court

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 194 of the 2015 Regular Session of the
3 Legislature, relative to court reporter fees; to provide relative to an increase in court
4 reporter fees for the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District; to provide for a contingent
5 effective date; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. Section 2 of Act No. 194 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature
8 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 Section 2. ~~The increase in court costs as provided for in this Act shall~~
10 ~~become effective if and when the Judicial Council provides a recommendation that~~
11 ~~such costs meet the applicable guidelines in its 2016 Report to the Louisiana~~
12 ~~Legislature.~~ In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 13:62, the increase in court
13 costs or fees as provided for in this Act shall become effective if and when the
14 Judicial Council provides a recommendation that such court costs or fees meet the
15 applicable guidelines in its 2018 Report to the Louisiana Legislature.

DIGEST

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HB 84 Engrossed

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Abstract: Provides that an increase in court reporter fees for the 27th Judicial District Court is contingent upon the Judicial Council's recommendation in its 2018 report to the legislature.

Present law authorizes the court reporter in the 27th JDC to charge and collect as compensation in addition to salary, a fee of \$3.50 per page for the original and 50¢ per page for copies reported and transcribed in all civil and criminal cases.

Present law requires court reporters to be paid a fee of \$3.50 per 31-line page transcript and 50¢ per page for each copy to be paid from the criminal indigent transcript fund by the court.

Present law (Act No. 194 of 2015 R.S.) provides that the increase in court reporter fees provided for under present law are contingent upon and become effective if and when the Judicial Council reviews such request and makes a recommendation to the legislature in its 2016 report.

Proposed law retains present law but makes the court reporter fee increase contingent upon the Judicial Council's 2018 report to the legislature.

(Amends Act No. 194 of the 2015 R.S., §2)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Remove the Aug. 1, 2017, effective date and provide that the increase will become effective if and when the Judicial Council reviews such request and makes a recommendation to the legislature in its 2018 report.
2. Add technical amendments.