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Abstract: Increases the transcript fees available for court reporters in the 32nd JDC for matters on appeal and requires private civil contracts for court reporters for matters not on appeal.

<u>Present law</u> limits the transcript fees for court reporters in the 32^{nd} JDC and does not distinguish between matters on appeal from those not on appeal.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the limit for transcript fees for court reporters in the 32nd JDC for matters on appeal and requires the use of private contracts with court reporters for fees on matters not on appeal.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides for the increase in fees to become effective if and when the Judicial Council reviews such request and makes a recommendation to the legislature in its 2018 report that the fees meet the applicable guidelines.

(Amends R.S. 13:976)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

- 1. Provide that the increase in fees will become effective if and when the Judicial Council reviews the request and makes its recommendation to the legislature in its 2018 report.
- 2. Add technical amendments.

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Increase the civil and criminal transcript fees for court reporters in the 32^{nd} JDC from \$3.25 to \$3.50 per page.