
DIGEST

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HB 27 Engrossed

2020 First Extraordinary Session

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Abstract: Creates the Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters Fund, provides relative to the disbursement of funds, and changes the maximum amount of fees that the Board of Examiners for Shorthand Reporters may charge applicants.

Present law provides that the Board of Examiners for Shorthand Reporters shall collect fees from each applicant.

Present law authorizes the board of examiners to require a reinstatement fee for suspended or revoked delinquent certificates, a reciprocal fee for certification without examination, and an annual renewal fee for all certificates and to collect a fee of such amount as may be fixed by the board according to the following schedule:

- (1) The fee for reinstatement of a suspended or revoked certificate shall not exceed \$25 for a certificate delinquent for a period of up to one year, \$100 for a certificate delinquent for a period of up to two years, or \$200 for a certificate delinquent for a period of two or more years and shall be in addition to the payment of all delinquent renewal fees.
- (2) The fee for issuance of a reciprocal certificate without examination shall not exceed \$125.
- (3) The fee for annual renewal of a certificate shall not exceed \$125.
- (4) The fee for issuance of a new certificate to a reporter admitted to practice as a certified court reporter, or C.C.R., shall not exceed \$125.

Proposed law retains present law and changes the maximum amount of fees to be charged as follows:

- (1) For a certificate delinquent for a period of up to one year, the fee for reinstatement of a suspended or revoked certificate changes from not exceeding \$25 to not exceeding \$100. For a certificate delinquent for a period of up to two years, the fee for reinstatement of a suspended or revoked certificate changes from not exceeding \$100 to not exceeding \$200. For a certificate delinquent for a period of two years or more, the fee for reinstatement of a suspended or revoked certificate changes from not exceeding \$200 to not exceeding \$250 in addition to the payment of all delinquent renewal fees.
- (2) The fee for issuance of a reciprocal certificate without examination changes from not exceeding \$125 to not exceeding \$250.

- (3) The fee for annual renewal of a certificate changes from not exceeding \$125 to not exceeding \$175.
- (4) The fee for issuance of a new certificate to a reporter admitted to practice as a certified court reporter, or C.C.R., changes from not exceeding \$125 to not exceeding \$250.

Proposed law creates the Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters Fund, which shall be a custodial fund in the State Treasury.

Proposed law requires disbursements from the fund to be authorized by a majority of the board as the board deems necessary for the expenses of the members of the board and the expenses of the board that are necessary to carry out the provisions of present law.

Proposed law requires that the chairman and secretary-treasurer sign a warrant to have the net deposits paid to the board.

Proposed law provides that the fund and fee changes will become effective on July 1, 2020, and the fund will cease to be effective on Jan. 1, 2021, and present law will go back into effect.

(Amends R.S. 37:2553(D) and 2558(A); Adds R.S. 37:2551.1; Repeals R.S. 37:2551.1)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Creates a custodial fund for the Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters Fund within the State Treasury and deletes the requirement that the fund flow through the Bond Security and Redemption Fund.
2. Adds the requirement that the chairman and secretary-treasurer of the board will sign a warrant to have the net deposits paid to the board.
3. Changes the effective date of Sections 1 and 2 from the sixtieth day after adjournment of the session to July 1, 2020.