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SENATE BILL NO. 113

BY SENATORS TARVER AND CARTER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

CIVIL PROCEDURE. Provides relative to interpreters for non-English-speaking persons in civil protective order cases. (gov sig)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact Code of Civil Procedure Art. 192.2(B), relative to interpreters in
3	certain civil proceedings; to provide relative to costs; and to provide for related
4	matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. Code of Civil Procedure Art. 192.2(B) is hereby amended and reenacted
7	to read as follows:
8	Art. 192.2. Appointment of interpreter for non-English-speaking persons
9	* * *
10	B. The court shall order payment to the interpreter for his services at a fixed
11	reasonable amount, and that amount shall be paid out of the appropriate court fund,
12	except as provided in Paragraph C of this Article. The amount paid out of the fund
13	may be taxed by the court as costs of court to be reimbursed to the fund.
14	* * *
15	Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
16	signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
17	by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

Page 1 of 2 Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in **boldface type and underscored** are additions.

- 1 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
- 2 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Michael Bell.

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<u>Present law</u> requires the court to order payment out of the court fund to the interpreter for his services at a fixed reasonable amount in civil proceedings.

<u>Present law</u> specifies that the amount paid out of the court fund may be taxed by the court as costs of court to be reimbursed to the fund.

<u>Proposed law</u> eliminates the authorization that the amount paid out of the court fund to the interpreter be taxed by the court as costs of court to be reimbursed to the fund.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends C.C.P. Art. 192.2(B))