

RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

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Prior law (R.S. 37:2556) required that all official court reporters and deputy official court reporters employed as such in a court of record, be subject to the certification requirements of the certified shorthand reporter law and the regulatory authority of the Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters.

New law provides an exception to prior law. Authorizes the judges of a district court, acting en banc, to declare a shortage of available certified official or deputy official court reporters in their district. Provides that upon such a declaration and for the duration of the shortage, a judge of that district may appoint as an official or deputy court reporter a court reporter who is properly licensed in another state.

New law provides that prior to engaging in duties as a certified official or deputy reporter the Louisiana Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters shall have five days after receipt of both the letter of appointment and a completed application for waiver of regular examination, as provided in R.S. 37:2554(B)(1), to approve or reject the application.

New law provides that upon the expiration of the five day period provided to the Board of Examiners of Shorthand Reporters, the board shall recognize the appointment as effective.

New law provides requirements for the appointment to be the effective.

New law provides that a court reporter appointed pursuant to new law shall:

- (1) Have the same duties and responsibilities as provided for other official and deputy reporters in that court district.
- (2) Be entitled to the same fees paid in the same manner as other official and deputy reporters in that court district.
- (3) Be paid an equivalent salary, take an oath, and provide a bond as other official and deputy reporters in that court district.
- (4) Perform duties under the supervision and direction of the district court judge to whom he is assigned.
- (5) Complete a reciprocal application for certification with the Louisiana Board of Examiners for Certified Shorthand Reporters in accordance with the provisions of R.S. 37:2554.
- (6) Be prohibited from performing duties as a free-lance reporter.

Effective August 1, 2023.

(Adds R.S. 13:981.1)