

GREEN SHEET REDIGEST

HB 187

2026 Regular Session

Muscarello

COURTS/COURT REPORTERS: Repeals the provisions of law establishing a court reporter pool employed by the Louisiana Supreme Court.

DIGEST

Proposed law authorizes a stenographer-reporter of the Board of Tax Appeals to prepare, certify, and charge for a transcript in accordance with the board's rules.

Proposed law requires the stenographer-reporter be considered to have the authority of an official reporter for the board in the same manner as if appointed by the district court for the parish of the board's domicile and be considered a certified digital reporter during his or her continued employment in that capacity.

Present law establishes a court reporter pool of 30 court reporters employed by the supreme court from which the court reporters are authorized to be assigned from time to time to any of the various district courts in the state as the need arises in order that transcripts for criminal appeals and other necessary purposes may be timely lodged in the appellate courts.

Proposed law retains present law but designates the 30 court reporters as emergency court reporters that are either employed or approved by the supreme court.

Present law requires that in addition to all fees for court reporters provided for in present law, each court reporter in the pool be paid an annual salary by the state in the amount of \$15,000.

Present law requires the supreme court to provide for the salaries, related costs, and travel expenses of the court reporters in its annual budget for operations of the court and that reimbursement for travel expenses of pool court reporters not exceed the amount allowed other state employees.

Proposed law repeals present law.

Proposed law requires an emergency court reporter appointed pursuant to proposed law to prepare, certify, and charge for a transcript in accordance with rules duly adopted by the Supreme Court for that purpose.

Proposed law requires that an emergency court reporter be considered to have the authority of an official reporter for a district court in the same manner as if appointed by it.

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

(Amends R.S. 13:981(A) and (D); adds R.S. 13:961(J))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

- 1. Make technical corrections.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Judiciary B to the engrossed bill

- 1. Make technical corrections.

2. Add provision authorizing a stenographer-reporter of the Board of Tax Appeals to prepare, certify, and charge for a transcript in accordance with the board's rules.
3. Add provision requiring the stenographer-reporter be considered to have the authority of an official reporter for the board.
4. Add provision designating 30 court reporters as emergency court reporters that are either employed or approved by the supreme court.
5. Add provision authorizing emergency court reporters to prepare, certify, and charge for a transcript in accordance with the board's rules.
6. Add provision requiring emergency court reporters be considered to have the authority of an official reporter for the board.
7. Deletes provision repealing present law regarding establishment of court reporter pools employed by the supreme court.