

2015 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 231

BY REPRESENTATIVE THIERRY

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Authorizes an increase in fees charged by court reporters in the 27th Judicial District Court

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 13:971(B)(1)(a), (2), and (7), relative to court reporter fees; to
3 authorize an increase in court reporter fees for the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District
4 Court; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 13:971(B)(1)(a), (2), and (7) are hereby amended and reenacted to
7 read as follows:

8 §971. Sixteenth and Twenty-Seventh Judicial Districts; additional court reporters;
9 fees charged by court reporters; indigent transcript fund

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11 B.(1)(a) In the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District, in all civil cases a fee of
12 ~~two~~ three dollars and fifty cents per page for the original and fifty cents per page for
13 copies reported and transcribed shall be charged by and paid to the court reporter
14 who reports and transcribes the testimony and shall be retained by him as
15 compensation in addition to the salary as provided herein.

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17 (2) In all criminal cases, except those involving indigent defendants, a fee
18 of ~~two~~ three dollars and fifty cents per page for the original, and fifty cents for each
19 copy thereafter reported and transcribed shall be paid to the court reporter who

1 reports and transcribes the testimony and shall be retained by him as compensation
2 in addition to the salary as provided herein. The payment of fees in criminal cases
3 involving indigent defendants shall be governed by the provisions of R.S. 13:4529.

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5 (7) Court reporters shall be paid ~~two~~ three dollars and ~~twenty-five~~ fifty cents
6 per thirty-one-line page for such work, and twenty-five cents per page for each copy,
7 as funds become available, all such payments to be made from the criminal indigent
8 transcript fund by the court.

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10 Section 2. The increase in court costs as provided for in this Act shall become
11 effective if and when the Judicial Council provides a recommendation in its 2016 Report to
12 the Louisiana Legislature.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes an increase in court reporter fees for the 27th Judicial District Court upon review and recommendation of the Judicial Council.

Present law authorizes the court reporters in the 27th JDC to charge and collect as compensation in addition to salary, a fee of \$2.50 per page for the original and 50¢ per page for copies reported and transcribed in all civil and criminal cases.

Proposed law retains present law except that it changes the collected fees from \$2.50 to \$3.50.

Present law requires court reporters to be paid a fee of \$2.25 per 31-line page transcript and 25¢ per page for each copy, as funds become available, to be paid from the criminal indigent transcript fund by the court.

Proposed law retains present law except that it changes the collected fees from \$2.25 to \$3.50.

Proposed law provides for the increase in court costs to become effective if and when the Judicial Council reviews such request and makes a recommendation to the legislature in its 2016 report.

(Amends R.S. 13:971(B)(1)(a), (2), and (7))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

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

1. Add an effective date for the increase in court costs to become effective if and when the Judicial Council reviews such request and makes a recommendation to the legislature in its 2016 report.