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## DIGEST

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HB 538 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Increases the 34<sup>th</sup> JDC court reporter fees paid for transcripts for all cases on appeal and authorizes contracts for certain transcripts.

Present law provides that in all cases in the 34<sup>th</sup> JDC, the court reporter shall be paid a fee as determined by a majority of the judges en banc which fee shall not exceed \$2.75 for each original 32-line page transcribed and where a copy is requested by a litigant, shall furnish such copy and be paid a fee for each page of the transcript.

Proposed law removes present law relative to a majority of the judges determining the amount of the fee.

Proposed law specifies that for all cases on appeal, the reporter shall be paid a fee not to exceed \$3 for each page transcribed and increases from 25¢ to \$1.50 the per page fee paid by a litigant requesting a copy of the transcript.

Proposed law provides that for matters not on appeal, a litigant requesting a transcript of testimony shall enter into a fee-based private civil contract with the court reporter, which fees shall be in accordance with fees customarily charged in the judicial district for depositions.

(Amends R.S. 13:980(D)(1))