

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
SENATE BILL 1618

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An Act relating to courts; amending 20 O.S. 2001, Section 1503.1, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 183, O.S.L. 2003 (20 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 1503.1), which relates to continuing education; clarifying certain continuing education requirements; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2001, Section 1503.1, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 183, O.S.L. 2003 (20 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 1503.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1503.1 A. Every certified shorthand reporter and every court reporter temporarily employed by the district court, Workers' Compensation Court, or Corporation Commission shall annually complete at least four (4) hours of continuing education approved by the State Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, ~~which shall include.~~ Included in the four-hour minimum requirement for every official shorthand reporter and every court reporter temporarily employed by the district court, Workers' Compensation Court, or Corporation Commission at least one (1) hour which relates shall relate to Oklahoma court rules and procedures. All four (4) hours of continuing education shall be approved by the State Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters.

B. A certified shorthand reporter or court reporter is exempt from the requirements of subsection A of this section if the

reporter verifies under oath to the State Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters that he or she:

1. Has attained the age of sixty-five (65) before or during the calendar year for which the reporter seeks an exemption;

2. Is a member of the armed forces on full-time active duty during the entire calendar year for which the reporter seeks an exemption; or

3. Has provided written verification by a licensed physician that a medical condition has prevented the court reporter from working in such capacity and completing continuing education for the calendar year for which the reporter seeks an exemption.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2004.

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