

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1618

By: Smith of the Senate
and
Askins of the House

An Act relating to courts; amending 20 O.S. 2001, Sections 15, 78.1 and 1503.1, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 183, O.S.L. 2003 (20 O.S. Supp. 2003, Section 1503.1), which relate to deposits, management of records and continuing education; adding fee for certain application; deleting construing provision; 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 15, is amended to read as follows:

Section 15. In each case filed in the Supreme Court and in each application seeking reinstatement to the Oklahoma Bar Association, and at the time of filing same, there shall be deposited with the Clerk as costs in said cause Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) of which no rebate of any part thereof shall be made; provided, the Supreme Court may prescribe by rules the procedure for affording access to that Court, without the deposit of costs, to those indigent persons who are deemed by it entitled thereto.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2001, Section 78.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 78.1 The Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Court of Tax Review, and the Court on the Judiciary shall provide by rule, which shall have the force of law, for the retention, copying, preservation, archiving and destruction of the records, files and papers committed to the care of the Clerk of the Supreme Court by the respective courts. ~~The provisions of this section shall not be construed to authorize said courts to promulgate or adopt rules~~

~~contrary to the provisions of the Records Management Act or Oklahoma Open Records Act.~~

SECTION 3. 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 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2004.

Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2004.

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of Representatives