

(2ND EXTRAORDINARY SESSION)
ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1150

By: Bengé, Newport and Askins
of the House

and

Crutchfield and Rabon of
the Senate

An Act relating to courts; amending 20 O.S. 2001, Section 106.9, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 343, O.S.L. 2004 (20 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 106.9), which relates to court reporters; modifying certain salary requirement; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2001, Section 106.9, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 343, O.S.L. 2004 (20 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 106.9), is amended to read as follows:

Section 106.9 A. Until ~~January 1, 2005~~ October 1, 2006, the salaries of all court reporters regularly engaged by the district court, the Workers' Compensation Court, or the Corporation Commission shall be paid by the state, except as otherwise provided in this section. Full-time court reporters regularly engaged by the district court, the Workers' Compensation Court and the Corporation Commission who are certified shorthand reporters shall be paid ~~Thirty-three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$33,500.00)~~ Thirty-five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$35,600.00) per year, payable monthly. Effective ~~January 1, 2005~~ October 1, 2006, the salaries of all court reporters regularly engaged by the district court, the Workers' Compensation Court, or the Corporation Commission shall be paid by the state, except as otherwise provided in this section. Full-time court reporters regularly engaged by the district court, the Workers' Compensation Court and the Corporation Commission who are

certified shorthand reporters shall be paid ~~Thirty-four Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$34,900.00)~~ Thirty-nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$39,160.00) per year, payable monthly. ~~Effective July 1, 2005, the salaries of all court reporters regularly engaged by the district court, the Workers' Compensation Court, or the Corporation Commission shall be paid by the state, except as otherwise provided in this section. Full-time court reporters regularly engaged by the district court, the Workers' Compensation Court and the Corporation Commission who are certified shorthand reporters shall be paid Thirty-five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$35,600.00) per year, payable monthly.~~

B. In addition to their base salaries, official court reporters who are certified or licensed shorthand reporters and those acting shorthand reporters pursuant to paragraph c of Section 106.3B of this title shall be paid annually the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) for each year of service to the district court, the Workers' Compensation Court and the Corporation Commission, with a maximum of twenty (20) years of service only to be used for the purpose of longevity, not to exceed Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) per year, payable monthly. For the purpose of payment for longevity, "years of service" is defined as all years served as a certified or licensed court reporter in the district court, the Workers' Compensation Court and, the Corporation Commission after June 30, 1978. Such longevity payments shall begin on July 1 of each year following completion of one (1) year's service as defined herein.

C. In addition to their base salaries, official court reporters who are certified shorthand reporters shall be paid the following:

1. The sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per year, payable monthly, to any official court reporter who is a holder of a certificate of proficiency, as certified by the State Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters. To qualify for

a certificate of proficiency, an official court reporter must have a proficiency level in reporting testimony and proceedings of a speed of not less than two hundred twenty-five (225) words per minute in taking a question-and-answer-type dictation, two hundred (200) words per minute in taking a jury charge and one hundred eighty (180) words per minute in taking literary material all as determined by an examination administered by the Board or recognized by the Board;

2. The sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) per year, payable monthly, to any official court reporter who is a Registered Merit Reporter (RMR), as certified by the State Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters. To qualify as a Registered Merit Reporter (RMR), an official court reporter must have a proficiency level in reporting testimony and proceedings of a speed of not less than two hundred sixty (260) words per minute in taking a question-and-answer-type dictation, two hundred forty (240) words per minute in taking a jury charge and two hundred (200) words per minute in taking literary material, all as determined by an examination administered by the Board or recognized by the Board;

3. The sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per year, payable monthly, to any official court reporter who is a Registered Diplomat Reporter (RDR), as certified by the State Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters;

4. The sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per year, payable monthly, to any official court reporter who is a Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR), as certified by the State Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters; or

5. Any official court reporter who is the holder of more than one certification shall be compensated in the additional amounts specified in paragraphs 1 through 4 of this subsection for each certification up to a maximum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) per year over and above the reporter's base salary, payable monthly.

D. Court reporters temporarily employed by the district court, Workers' Compensation Court, or Corporation Commission shall be compensated by the court fund of the court which they serve at the rate of Fifty-seven Dollars and sixty cents (\$57.60) per day. In addition, court reporters temporarily employed pursuant to this subsection who are required by the terms of their employment to travel outside their county of residence, shall receive reimbursement for mileage actually and necessarily traveled to and from the place of attendance at a rate not to exceed the rate of reimbursement specified in the State Travel Reimbursement Act for state employees. Any travel reimbursement shall be paid from the court fund of the court where the service of the temporarily employed court reporter is provided.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of June, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate