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3 SENATE BILL 1932

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to courts; amending 20 O.S. 2001,  
8 Section 106.9, as last amended by Section 3, Chapter  
9 84, O.S.L. 2007 (20 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 106.9),  
which relates to court reporters; increasing certain  
10 compensation; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2001, Section 106.9, as  
14 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 84, O.S.L. 2007 (20 O.S. Supp.  
15 2007, Section 106.9), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 106.9 A. Until October 1, 2006, the salaries of all  
17 court reporters regularly engaged by the district court, the  
18 Workers' Compensation Court, or the Corporation Commission shall be  
19 paid by the state, except as otherwise provided in this section.  
20 Full-time court reporters regularly engaged by the district court,  
21 the Workers' Compensation Court and the Corporation Commission who  
22 are certified shorthand reporters shall be paid Thirty-five Thousand  
23 Six Hundred Dollars (\$35,600.00) per year, payable monthly.  
24 Effective October 1, 2006, the salaries of all court reporters

1 regularly engaged by the district court, the Workers' Compensation  
2 Court, or the Corporation Commission shall be paid by the state,  
3 except as otherwise provided in this section. Full-time court  
4 reporters regularly engaged by the district court, the Workers'  
5 Compensation Court and the Corporation Commission who are certified  
6 shorthand reporters shall be paid Thirty-nine Thousand One Hundred  
7 Sixty Dollars (\$39,160.00) per year, payable monthly.

8 B. In addition to their base salaries, official court reporters  
9 who are certified or licensed shorthand reporters and those acting  
10 shorthand reporters pursuant to paragraph c of Section 106.3B of  
11 this title shall be paid annually the sum of Four Hundred Dollars  
12 (\$400.00) for each year of service to the district court, the  
13 Workers' Compensation Court and the Corporation Commission, with a  
14 maximum of twenty (20) years of service only to be used for the  
15 purpose of longevity, not to exceed Eight Thousand Dollars  
16 (\$8,000.00) per year, payable monthly. For the purpose of payment  
17 for longevity, "years of service" ~~is defined as~~ means all years  
18 served as a certified or licensed court reporter in the district  
19 court, the Workers' Compensation Court and, the Corporation  
20 Commission after June 30, 1978. Such longevity payments shall begin  
21 on July 1 of each year following completion of one (1) year's  
22 service as defined herein.

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

1           1. The sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per  
2 year, payable monthly, to any official court reporter who is a  
3 Registered Professional Reporter (RPR), as recognized by the State  
4 Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters. To qualify as  
5 a an RPR, an official court reporter shall have a proficiency level  
6 in reporting testimony and proceedings of a speed of not less than  
7 two hundred twenty-five (225) words per minute in taking a question-  
8 and-answer-type dictation, two hundred (200) words per minute in  
9 taking a jury charge and one hundred eighty (180) words per minute  
10 in taking literary material, shall pass a Written Knowledge Test  
11 with a score of at least seventy percent (70%), all as determined by  
12 an examination recognized by the Board, and shall complete thirty  
13 (30) hours of continuing education per three-year cycle commencing  
14 at the date of recognition;

15           2. The sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per  
16 year, payable monthly, to any official court reporter who is a  
17 Registered Merit Reporter (RMR), as recognized by the State Board of  
18 Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters. To qualify as a an RMR,  
19 an official court reporter shall have a proficiency level in  
20 reporting testimony and proceedings of a speed of not less than two  
21 hundred sixty (260) words per minute in taking a question-and-  
22 answer-type dictation, two hundred forty (240) words per minute in  
23 taking a jury charge and two hundred (200) words per minute in  
24 taking literary material, shall pass a Written Knowledge Test with a

1 score of at least seventy percent (70%), all as determined by an  
2 examination recognized by the Board, and shall complete thirty (30)  
3 hours of continuing education per three-year cycle commencing at the  
4 date of recognition;

5 3. The sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per  
6 year, payable monthly, to any official court reporter who is a  
7 Registered Diplomat Reporter (RDR), as recognized by the State Board  
8 of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, and who completes  
9 thirty (30) hours of continuing education per three-year cycle  
10 commencing at the date of recognition;

11 4. The sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per  
12 year, payable monthly, to any official court reporter who is a  
13 Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR), as recognized by the State Board  
14 of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, and who completes  
15 thirty (30) hours of continuing education per three-year cycle  
16 commencing at the date of recognition; or

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

22 D. Court reporters temporarily employed by the district court,  
23 Workers' Compensation Court, or Corporation Commission shall be  
24 compensated by the court fund of the court which they serve at the

1 rate of ~~Fifty-seven Dollars and sixty cents (\$57.60)~~ One Hundred  
2 Seventy Five Dollars (\$175.00) per day. In addition, court  
3 reporters temporarily employed pursuant to this subsection who are  
4 required by the terms of their employment to travel outside their  
5 county of residence, shall receive reimbursement for mileage  
6 actually and necessarily traveled to and from the place of  
7 attendance at a rate not to exceed the rate of reimbursement  
8 specified in the State Travel Reimbursement Act for state employees.  
9 Any travel reimbursement shall be paid from the court fund of the  
10 court where the service of the temporarily employed court reporter  
11 is provided.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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