

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3803

By: Hasenbeck of the House

3 and

4 Scott of the Senate

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6 [courts - providing one-time stipends for court

7 reporters - effective date -

8 emergency]

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 106.9, as
13 amended by Section 1, Chapter 31, O.S.L. 2019 (20 O.S. Supp. 2019,
14 Section 106.9), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 106.9 A. Each court reporter regularly engaged by the
16 district court, the Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims,
17 or the Corporation Commission shall be paid a salary pursuant to the
18 salary schedule established by the annual appropriation for the
19 district courts and Corporation Commission and in accordance with
20 the job description for the position to which appointed. On October
21 1, 2020, each court reporter shall receive a one-time stipend of Two
22 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

23 B. In addition to their base salaries, official court reporters
24 who are certified or licensed shorthand reporters and those acting

1 shorthand reporters pursuant to paragraph c of Section 106.3B of
2 this title shall be paid annually the sum of Four Hundred Dollars
3 (\$400.00) for each year of service to the district court, the
4 Workers' Compensation Court, the Workers' Compensation Court of
5 Existing Claims and the Corporation Commission, with a maximum of
6 twenty (20) years of service only to be used for the purpose of
7 longevity, not to exceed Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) per
8 year, payable monthly. For the purpose of payment for longevity,
9 "years of service" is defined as all years served as a certified or
10 licensed court reporter in the district court, the Workers'
11 Compensation Court and the Corporation Commission after June 30,
12 1978. Such longevity payments shall begin on July 1 of each year
13 following completion of one (1) year's service as defined herein.

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

16 1. The sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per
17 year, payable monthly, to any official court reporter who is a
18 Registered Professional Reporter (RPR), as recognized by the State
19 Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters. To qualify as
20 a RPR, an official court reporter shall have a proficiency level in
21 reporting testimony and proceedings of a speed of not less than two
22 hundred twenty-five (225) words per minute in taking a question-and-
23 answer-type dictation, two hundred (200) words per minute in taking
24 a jury charge and one hundred eighty (180) words per minute in

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

6 2. The sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per
7 year, payable monthly, to any official court reporter who is a
8 Registered Merit Reporter (RMR), as recognized by the State Board of
9 Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters. To qualify as a RMR, an
10 official court reporter shall have a proficiency level in reporting
11 testimony and proceedings of a speed of not less than two hundred
12 sixty (260) words per minute in taking a question-and-answer-type
13 dictation, two hundred forty (240) words per minute in taking a jury
14 charge and two hundred (200) words per minute in taking literary
15 material, shall pass a Written Knowledge Test with a score of at
16 least seventy percent (70%), all as determined by an examination
17 recognized by the Board, and shall complete thirty (30) hours of
18 continuing education per three-year cycle commencing at the date of
19 recognition;

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

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

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

14 D. Court reporters temporarily employed by the district court,
15 Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims, or Corporation
16 Commission shall be compensated by the court fund of the court which
17 they serve at a rate to be set by such court. In addition, court
18 reporters temporarily employed pursuant to this subsection who are
19 required by the terms of their employment to travel outside their
20 county of residence, shall receive reimbursement for mileage
21 actually and necessarily traveled to and from the place of
22 attendance at a rate not to exceed the rate of reimbursement
23 specified in the State Travel Reimbursement Act for state employees.
24 Any travel reimbursement shall be paid from the court fund of the

