

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3803

By: Hasenbeck of the House

and

7 **Scott** of the Senate

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11 An Act relating to courts; amending 20 O.S. 2011,
12 Section 106.9, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 31,
13 O.S.L. 2019 (20 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 106.9),
14 which relates to salaries of court reporters;
15 providing one-time stipends for court reporters;
16 providing an effective date; and declaring an
17 emergency.

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

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

22 Section 106.9 A. Each court reporter regularly engaged by the
23 district court, the Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims,
24 or the Corporation Commission shall be paid a salary pursuant to the
 salary schedule established by the annual appropriation for the

1 district courts and Corporation Commission and in accordance with
2 the job description for the position to which appointed. On October
3 1, 2020, each court reporter shall receive a one-time stipend of Two
4 Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00).

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

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

22 1. The sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per
23 year, payable monthly, to any official court reporter who is a
24 Registered Professional Reporter (RPR), as recognized by the State

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

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

3 3. 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 Registered Diplomat Reporter (RDR), 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;

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

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

20 D. Court reporters temporarily employed by the district court,
21 Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims, or Corporation
22 Commission shall be compensated by the court fund of the court which
23 they serve at a rate to be set by such court. In addition, court
24 reporters temporarily employed pursuant to this subsection who are

1 required by the terms of their employment to travel outside their
2 county of residence, shall receive reimbursement for mileage
3 actually and necessarily traveled to and from the place of
4 attendance at a rate not to exceed the rate of reimbursement
5 specified in the State Travel Reimbursement Act for state employees.
6 Any travel reimbursement shall be paid from the court fund of the
7 court where the service of the temporarily employed court reporter
8 is provided.

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

10 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
11 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
12 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
13 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 03/02/2020 - DO PASS,
16 As Amended and Coauthored.
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