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February 20, 2019

**AS AMENDED**

SENATE BILL NO. 349

By: Thompson of the Senate

and

Wallace of the House

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[ court reporters - salaries - effective date -
                                     emergency ]
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BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 106.9, is amended to read as follows:

Section 106.9. A. ~~Until October 1, 2006, the salaries of all~~  
~~Each court reporters reporter~~ regularly engaged by the district  
court, the Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims, 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. Effective October 1, 2006,~~  
~~the salaries of all court reporters regularly engaged by the~~

1 ~~district court, the Workers' Compensation Court, or the Corporation~~  
2 ~~Commission shall be paid by the state, except as otherwise provided~~  
3 ~~in this section. Full-time court reporters regularly engaged by the~~  
4 ~~district court, the Workers' Compensation Court and the Corporation~~  
5 ~~Commission who are certified shorthand reporters shall be paid~~  
6 ~~Thirty-nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$39,160.00) per~~  
7 ~~year, payable monthly~~ a salary pursuant to the salary schedule  
8 established by the annual appropriation for the district courts and  
9 Corporation Commission and in accordance with the job description  
10 for the position to which appointed.

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

1 1978. Such longevity payments shall begin on July 1 of each year  
2 following completion of one (1) year's service as defined herein.

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

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

19 2. The sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per  
20 year, payable monthly, to any official court reporter who is a  
21 Registered Merit Reporter (RMR), as recognized by the State Board of  
22 Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters. To qualify as a RMR, an  
23 official court reporter shall have a proficiency level in reporting  
24 testimony and proceedings of a speed of not less than two hundred

1 sixty (260) words per minute in taking a question-and-answer-type  
2 dictation, two hundred forty (240) words per minute in taking a jury  
3 charge and two hundred (200) words per minute in taking literary  
4 material, shall pass a Written Knowledge Test with a score of at  
5 least seventy percent (70%), all as determined by an examination  
6 recognized by the Board, and shall complete thirty (30) hours of  
7 continuing education per three-year cycle commencing at the date of  
8 recognition;

9       3. 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 Registered Diplomat Reporter (RDR), 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;

15       4. 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 Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR), as recognized by the State Board  
18 of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, and who completes  
19 thirty (30) hours of continuing education per three-year cycle  
20 commencing at the date of recognition; or

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

3 D. Court reporters temporarily employed by the district court,  
4 Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims, or Corporation  
5 Commission shall be compensated by the court fund of the court which  
6 they serve at a rate to be set by such court. In addition, court  
7 reporters temporarily employed pursuant to this subsection who are  
8 required by the terms of their employment to travel outside their  
9 county of residence, shall receive reimbursement for mileage  
10 actually and necessarily traveled to and from the place of  
11 attendance at a rate not to exceed the rate of reimbursement  
12 specified in the State Travel Reimbursement Act for state employees.  
13 Any travel reimbursement shall be paid from the court fund of the  
14 court where the service of the temporarily employed court reporter  
15 is provided.

16 ~~SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.~~

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

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
22 February 20, 2019 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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