

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1396

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8 An Act relating to courts; amending 20 O.S. 2021,
9 Section 106.9, which relates to salaries of court
10 reporters; increasing court reporter salaries;
11 providing a maximum salary increase; and providing an
12 effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2021, Section 106.9, as
15 amended by Section 1, Chapter 271, O.S.L. 2022 (20 O.S. Supp. 2022,
16 Section 106.9), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 106.9 A. Each court reporter regularly engaged by the
18 district court, the Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims,
19 or the Corporation Commission shall be paid a salary pursuant to the
20 salary schedule established by the annual appropriation for the
21 district courts and Corporation Commission and in accordance with
22 the job description for the position to which appointed. For fiscal
23 year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter, each court reporter shall
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1 receive an annual salary of Fifty-three Thousand Dollars
2 (\$53,000.00).

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

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

20 1. The sum of ~~One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)~~ Two
21 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year, payable monthly, to any
22 official court reporter who is a Registered Professional Reporter
23 (RPR), as recognized by the State Board of Examiners of Certified
24 Shorthand Reporters. To qualify as a RPR, an official court

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

11 2. The sum of ~~One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)~~ Two
12 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year, payable monthly, to any
13 official court reporter who is a Registered Merit Reporter (RMR), as
14 recognized by the State Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand
15 Reporters. To qualify as a RMR, an official court reporter shall
16 have a proficiency level in reporting testimony and proceedings of a
17 speed of not less than two hundred sixty (260) words per minute in
18 taking a question-and-answer-type dictation, two hundred forty (240)
19 words per minute in taking a jury charge and two hundred (200) words
20 per minute in taking literary material, shall pass a Written
21 Knowledge Test with a score of at least seventy percent (70%), all
22 as determined by an examination recognized by the Board, and shall
23 complete thirty (30) hours of continuing education per three-year
24 cycle commencing at the date of recognition;

1 3. The sum of ~~One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)~~ Two
2 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year, payable monthly, to any
3 official court reporter who is a Registered Diplomat Reporter (RDR),
4 as recognized by the State Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand
5 Reporters, and who completes thirty (30) hours of continuing
6 education per three-year cycle commencing at the date of
7 recognition;

8 4. The sum of ~~One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00)~~ Two
9 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year, payable monthly, to any
10 official court reporter who is a Certified Realtime Reporter (CRR),
11 as recognized by the State Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand
12 Reporters, and who completes thirty (30) hours of continuing
13 education per three-year cycle commencing at the date of
14 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 Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000.00) per year over and above the
20 reporter's base salary, payable monthly.

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

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

9 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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