

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                                   STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                                   1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1396

By: Hasenbeck of the House

and

**Floyd** of the Senate

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10                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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

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

1 the job description for the position to which appointed. For fiscal  
2 year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter, each court reporter shall  
3 receive an annual salary of Fifty-three Thousand Dollars  
4 (\$53,000.00).

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)~~ Two  
23 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per year, payable monthly, to any  
24 official court reporter who is a Registered Professional Reporter

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

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

1 complete thirty (30) hours of continuing education per three-year  
2 cycle commencing at the date of recognition;

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

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

23 D. Court reporters temporarily employed by the district court,  
24 Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims, or Corporation

1 Commission shall be compensated by the court fund of the court which  
2 they serve at a rate to be set by such court. 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 actually  
6 and necessarily traveled to and from the place of attendance at a  
7 rate not to exceed the rate of reimbursement specified in the State  
8 Travel Reimbursement Act for state employees. Any travel  
9 reimbursement shall be paid from the court fund of the court where  
10 the service of the temporarily employed court reporter is provided.

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

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13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated  
14 03/02/2023 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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