

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1038

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to court reporters; amending 20 O.S. 2011, Section 106.9, which relates to salaries of court reporters; modifying established salary to constitute minimum salary; and providing an effective date.

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 court reporters regularly engaged by the district court, the Workers' Compensation Court, 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 district court, the Workers' Compensation

1 Court, or the Corporation Commission shall be paid by the state,
2 except as otherwise provided in this section. Full-time court
3 reporters regularly engaged by the district court, the Workers'
4 Compensation Court of Existing Claims and the Corporation Commission
5 who are certified shorthand reporters shall be paid a minimum of
6 Thirty-nine Thousand One Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$39,160.00) per
7 year, payable monthly.

8 B. In addition to their base salaries, official court reporters
9 who are certified or licensed shorthand reporters and those acting
10 shorthand reporters pursuant to paragraph c of Section 106.3B of
11 this title shall be paid annually the sum of Four Hundred Dollars
12 (\$400.00) for each year of service to the district court, the
13 Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims and the Corporation
14 Commission, with a maximum of twenty (20) years of service only to
15 be used for the purpose of longevity, not to exceed Eight Thousand
16 Dollars (\$8,000.00) per year, payable monthly. For the purpose of
17 payment for longevity, "years of service" is defined as all years
18 served as a certified or licensed court reporter in the district
19 court, the Workers' Compensation Court, the Workers' Compensation
20 Court of Existing Claims and the Corporation Commission after June
21 30, 1978. Such longevity payments shall begin on July 1 of each
22 year following completion of one (1) year's service as defined
23 herein.

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

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

17 2. The sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per
18 year, payable monthly, to any official court reporter who is a
19 Registered Merit Reporter (RMR), as recognized by the State Board of
20 Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters. To qualify as a RMR, an
21 official court reporter shall have a proficiency level in reporting
22 testimony and proceedings of a speed of not less than two hundred
23 sixty (260) words per minute in taking a question-and-answer-type
24 dictation, two hundred forty (240) words per minute in taking a jury

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

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

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

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

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

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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