

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 349
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Impact:	Changes a statutorily set salary for court reporters to salaries subject to appropriations for 2 of 3 state entities Raises covered by supplemental

Research Analysis

SB 349 changes the fixed statutory salary amount of \$39,160 for court reporters employed by the district courts and the Corporation Commission to a salary schedule set by the respective agency's annual appropriation.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 349 changes the fixed statutory salary amount of \$39,160 for court reporters employed by the district courts and the Corporation Commission to a salary schedule set by the respective agency's annual appropriation. The measure does not alter the salary for those court reporters employed by the Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims (a statutorily appropriated court). The ultimate fiscal impact for the district courts and the Corporation Commission is contingent upon what the Legislature decides each fiscal year.

Currently, the Workers' Compensation Court of Existing Claims employs 3 court reporters, the Corporation Commission employs 7, and the district courts employ 172 court reporters.

This bill allows the court reporters to receive the state employee pay raise passed during the 2018 session. The estimated cost is \$344,000. The \$2.5 million supplemental to the courts approved by the Governor in March of 2019 will cover the costs of the raises for the remainder of FY-19. It is anticipated that the supplemental will be annualized (added to the courts' base) in the FY-20 General Appropriations Bill and that will cover the costs for the foreseeable future.

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Other Considerations

None.