

Regular Session, 2010

HOUSE BILL NO. 1114

BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE

COURTS/COURT REPORTERS: Provides with respect to court reporters

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:961.2 and 1411, relative to court reporters; to provide for the preparation
3 of transcripts; to provide for time limitations; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 13:961.2 and 1411 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

6 §961.2. Court reporters; transcripts

7 A. Except as provided in R.S. 13:961(F), official court reporters and deputy
8 court reporters shall prepare transcripts formatted as follows:

9 (1) Transcripts shall contain no fewer than thirty-two typed lines, exclusive
10 of the page number, on legal paper.

11 (2) Transcripts shall contain no fewer than nine characters to the typed inch
12 in Pica type.

13 (3) The left-hand margin of transcripts shall be set at no more than one inch.

14 (4) The right-hand margin of transcripts shall be set at no more than one
15 inch.

16 (5) Each question and answer shall begin on a separate line.

17 (6) Each question and answer shall begin at the left-hand margin, with no
18 more than five spaces from the question and answer to the text.

19 (7) Carryover question and answer lines shall begin at the left-hand margin.

1 (8) Colloquy material shall begin no more than fifteen spaces from the
2 left-hand margin, with carryover lines commencing no more than ten spaces from the
3 left-hand margin.

4 (9) Quoted material shall begin no more than fifteen spaces from the
5 left-hand margin, with carryover lines commencing no more than ten spaces from the
6 left-hand margin.

7 (10) Parenthetical and exhibit markings shall begin no more than fifteen
8 spaces from the left-hand margin.

9 (11) There shall be at least a one inch bottom margin.

10 B. When a transcript is requested by a litigant, the court reporter or deputy
11 court reporter shall be paid in advance and shall furnish such transcript within fifteen
12 days of payment.

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14 §1411. Court reporters; transcripts

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13 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
14 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
15 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
16 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
17 effective on the day following such approval.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides guidelines for transcripts prepared by court reporters in district court and family court.

Proposed law requires that court reporters and deputy court reporters prepare transcripts to certain specifications.

Proposed law requires that when a transcript is requested by a litigant, the court reporter or deputy court reporter shall be paid in advance and shall prepare the transcript within fifteen days of being paid.

(Adds R.S. 13:961.2 and 1411)