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HOUSE BILL NO. 1114
BY REPRESENTATIVE GREENE

ACT No. 736

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AN ACT

To enact R.S. 13:961.2 and 1411, relative to court reporters; to provide for the preparation
of transcripts; to provide for time limitations; and to provide for related matters.
Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

§961.2. Court reporters; transcripts

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CODING: Words in ~~struck-through~~ type are deletions from existing law; words underscored are additions.

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.(1) 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 thirty
12 days of payment.

13 (2) If the court reporter or deputy court reporter is unable to furnish such
14 transcript within thirty days following the request and payment of the same, the court
15 reporter or deputy court reporter may apply for an extension by written request to the
16 trial judge, who may grant the extension for a reasonable period of time for good
17 cause.

18 (3) When a court reporter or deputy court reporter requests an extension, the
19 court shall send a notice or certificate to the litigant who requested the transcript.

20 C. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to appellate transcripts
21 governed by specific court rules.

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23 §1411. Court reporters; transcripts

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

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____