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HOUSE BILL NO. 84

BY REPRESENTATIVE DUSTIN MILLER

COURTS/COURT COSTS: Provides relative to an increase in fees charged by court reporters in the 27<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court

1 AN ACT 2 To amend and reenact Section 2 of Act No. 194 of the 2015 Regular Session of the 3 Legislature, relative to court reporter fees; to provide relative to an increase in court 4 reporter fees for the Twenty-Seventh Judicial District; to provide for an effective 5 date of August 1, 2017; and to provide for related matters. 6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 7 Section 1. Section 2 of Act No. 194 of the 2015 Regular Session of the Legislature 8 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 9 Section 2. The increase in court costs as provided for in this Act shall 10 become effective if and when the Judicial Council provides a recommendation in its 11 2016 Report to the Louisiana Legislature on or after August 1, 2017.

## **DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Authorizes an increase in court reporter fees for the 27th Judicial District Court on Aug. 1, 2017.

<u>Present law</u> authorizes the court reporter in the 27<sup>th</sup> JDC to charge and collect as compensation in addition to salary, a fee of \$3.50 per page for the original and 50¢ per page for copies reported and transcribed in all civil and criminal cases.

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CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

<u>Present law</u> requires court reporters to be paid a fee of \$3.50 per 31-line page transcript and 50¢ per page for each copy to be paid from the criminal indigent transcript fund by the court.

<u>Present law</u> (Act No. 194 of 2015 R.S.) provides that the increase in court reporter fees provided for under <u>present law</u> are contingent upon and become effective if and when the Judicial Council reviews such request and makes a recommendation to the legislature in its 2016 report.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the Judicial Council contingency language in <u>present law</u> and provides an effective date of <u>Aug. 1, 2017.</u>

(Amends Act No. 194 of the 2015 R.S., §2)