

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE BILL 52

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to court reporters; amending 20 O.S.  
8 2011, Section 106.9, which relates to salaries;  
9 removing maximum limitation for certain longevity  
10 payments; and providing an effective date.

11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 106.9, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 106.9. A. Until October 1, 2006, the salaries of all  
15 court reporters regularly engaged by the district court, the  
16 Workers' Compensation Court, or the Corporation Commission shall be  
17 paid by the state, except as otherwise provided in this section.  
18 Full-time court reporters regularly engaged by the district court,  
19 the Workers' Compensation Court and the Corporation Commission who  
20 are certified shorthand reporters shall be paid Thirty-five Thousand  
21 Six Hundred Dollars (\$35,600.00) per year, payable monthly.

22 Effective October 1, 2006, the salaries of all court reporters  
23 regularly engaged by the district court, the Workers' Compensation  
24 Court, or the Corporation Commission shall be paid by the state,

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

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

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

23 1. The sum of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) per  
24 year, payable monthly, to any official court reporter who is a

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

13 2. 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 Registered Merit Reporter (RMR), as recognized by the State Board of  
16 Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters. To qualify as a RMR, an  
17 official court reporter shall have a proficiency level in reporting  
18 testimony and proceedings of a speed of not less than two hundred  
19 sixty (260) words per minute in taking a question-and-answer-type  
20 dictation, two hundred forty (240) words per minute in taking a jury  
21 charge and two hundred (200) words per minute in taking literary  
22 material, shall pass a Written Knowledge Test with a score of at  
23 least seventy percent (70%), all as determined by an examination  
24 recognized by the Board, and shall complete thirty (30) hours of

1 continuing education per three-year cycle commencing at the date of  
2 recognition;

3 3. 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 Diplomat Reporter (RDR), as recognized by the State Board  
6 of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters, and who completes  
7 thirty (30) hours of continuing education per three-year cycle  
8 commencing at the date of recognition;

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

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

20 D. Court reporters temporarily employed by the district court,  
21 Workers' Compensation Court, or Corporation Commission shall be  
22 compensated by the court fund of the court which they serve at a  
23 rate to be set by such court. In addition, court reporters  
24 temporarily employed pursuant to this subsection who are required by

1 the terms of their employment to travel outside their county of  
2 residence, shall receive reimbursement for mileage actually and  
3 necessarily traveled to and from the place of attendance at a rate  
4 not to exceed the rate of reimbursement specified in the State  
5 Travel Reimbursement Act for state employees. Any travel  
6 reimbursement shall be paid from the court fund of the court where  
7 the service of the temporarily employed court reporter is provided.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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