

SENATE BILL 3110

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 20 and Title 24, relative to court reporters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 20-9-603, is amended by adding the following new subsection (c):

(c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a licensed court reporter is not required to be a notary public to record any court proceeding, administrative law proceeding, deposition or any other proceeding. A transcript taken and submitted by a licensed court reporter is not required to be notarized.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 20-9-608, is amended by deleting the language "January 1, 2010" and substituting instead the language "January 1, 2011".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 20-9-608, is amended by designating the existing language as subsection (a) and by adding the following language as a new subsection (b):

(b) Any individual, agent, or employee of a corporation, partnership, limited liability corporation, limited partnership or other entity offering court reporting services shall comply with all rules and regulations of the board. Any corporation, partnership, limited liability corporation, limited partnership or other entity agreeing to perform or performing court reporting services within the state of Tennessee shall comply with the rules and regulations of the board regardless

of whether or not such court reporting is performed by an individual, as employee, agent or contracted agent of any corporation, partnership, limited liability corporation, limited partnership or other entity.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 20-9-611, is amended by inserting the following between the first and second sentences:

All licenses shall expire June 30 in the year of expiration and all renewals will be effective July 1; provided, however, an initial license not issued on July 1 shall be valid from the date of issuance until June 30 of the second year from the June 30 preceding the date of issuance. The board may impose a prorated fee for any license that is for a period less than twenty-four (24) months.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 20-9-613, is amended by deleting the language "July 1, 2009" wherever it appears and substituting instead the language "January 1, 2010".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 20-9-614, is amended by deleting the language "court reporting program" and substituting instead the language "board approved court reporting program".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 20-9-616(c), is amended by deleting the period at the end of the subsection and by adding the following language:

; except for the initial expenses of the board prior to the collection of indent licensure fees sufficient to defray such expenses.

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 24-9-135, is amended by adding the following new subdivision (3) and re-numbering the existing subdivisions accordingly:

(3) A licensed court reporter;

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect August 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.