

COURT TRANSCRIPT FEE AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Todd D. Weiler

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill modifies court transcript fees.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ modifies the cost of a court transcript fee.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

78A-2-408, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2021, Chapter 224

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **78A-2-408** is amended to read:

78A-2-408. Transcripts and copies -- Fees.

(1) The Judicial Council shall by rule provide for a standard page format for transcripts of court hearings.

(2) (a) Except as provided in Subsections (2)(c) and (e), the fee for a transcript of a court session, or any part of a court session, may not be more than [~~\$4.50~~] \$6.00 per page,



28 which includes the initial preparation of the transcript and one certified copy.

29 (b) The preparer shall:

30 (i) deposit the original text file and printed transcript with the clerk of the court; and

31 (ii) provide the person requesting the transcript with the certified copy.

32 (c) The cost of additional copies of the transcript shall be as provided in Subsection

33 [78A-2-301\(1\)](#).

34 (d) The transcript for an appeal shall be prepared within the time period permitted by
35 the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

36 (e) The fee for a transcript prepared:

37 (i) within three business days of the request, shall be 1-1/2 times the base rate; and

38 (ii) within one business day of the request, shall be double the base rate.

39 (3) (a) When a transcript is ordered by the court, the fees shall be paid by the parties to
40 the action in equal proportion or as ordered by the court.

41 (b) The fee for a transcript in a criminal case in which the defendant is found to be an
42 indigent individual, as defined in Section [78B-22-102](#), shall be paid in accordance with
43 Subsection [78B-22-203\(3\)](#).

44 (4) (a) The fee for the preparation of a transcript of a court hearing by an official court
45 transcriber and the fee for the preparation of the transcript by a certified court reporter of a
46 hearing before any court, referee, master, board, or commission of this state shall be:

47 (i) in accordance with Subsection (2); and

48 (ii) payable to the person preparing the transcript.

49 (b) Payment for a transcript under this section is the responsibility of the party
50 requesting the transcript.

51 Section 2. **Effective date.**

52 This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.