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A Bill

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By: Representative D. Johnson

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FIXED RATE OF PAY FOR A
SUBSTITUTE TRIAL COURT STAFF PERSON; TO REMOVE
THE ANNUAL CAP ON EXPENSES REIMBURSED TO COURT
REPORTERS; TO AUTHORIZE AN INCREASE IN THE
TRANSCRIPT FEE CHARGED BY COURT REPORTERS; TO
ESTABLISH A FIXED RATE OF PAY FOR A SUBSTITUTE
COURT REPORTER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FIXED RATE OF PAY
FOR A SUBSTITUTE TRIAL COURT STAFF
PERSON; TO REMOVE THE ANNUAL CAP FOR
COURT REPORTER EXPENSES; TO CHANGE FEES
FOR COURT REPORTERS; AND TO CHANGE PAY
FOR SUBSTITUTE COURT REPORTERS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-10-803 is amended to read as follows:
16-10-803. Payment.

(a) The Auditor of State is authorized to pay from funds specifically appropriated for this purpose the substitute trial court staff person for the services furnished to the circuit judge.

(b) The substitute trial court staff person will be paid at ~~a daily rate, based upon the daily pay rate of the trial court staff person for whom he or she is substituting~~ the rate of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125) per day.



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2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code §§ 16-13-505 and 16-13-506 are amended to
3 read as follows:

4 16-13-505. Court reporters - Reimbursement for expenses.

5 (a) The official court reporters of the respective circuit courts
6 shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual expenses incurred for meals,
7 lodging, and transportation costs for attending court away from the
8 reporter's official station. If the reporter uses a personal vehicle for
9 transportation, he or she shall be entitled to reimbursement for mileage at
10 the rate prescribed for state employees in the state travel regulations.
11 ~~However, no court reporter shall be entitled to receive reimbursement for~~
12 ~~such meals, lodging, and transportation in excess of four thousand five~~
13 ~~hundred dollars (\$4,500) per year.~~

14 (b) Reimbursements for such expenses shall be made monthly by the
15 Auditor of State upon claims therefor by the respective court reporters
16 certified by the circuit judge.

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18 16-13-506. Court reporters - Transcript fees.

19 (a)(1) When required to make a transcript of court proceedings, each
20 court reporter of the circuit courts shall be entitled to compensation at the
21 rate of ~~three dollars and ten cents (\$3.10)~~ four dollars and ten cents
22 (\$4.10) per page for the original and two (2) copies and at the rate of fifty
23 cents (50¢) per page for each additional copy;

24 (2) When required to prepare photocopied evidence as part of a
25 transcript, each reporter shall be entitled to compensation therefor at the
26 rate of one dollar and fifty cents (\$1.50) per page, for an original and two
27 (2) copies and at the rate of fifty cents (50¢) per page for each additional
28 copy thereafter, with the cost to be paid by the parties ordering
29 transcripts.

30 (b) In indigent and in forma pauperis proceedings, the compensation to
31 the court reporter for transcripts, provided for in subsection (a) of this
32 section, shall be paid by the State of Arkansas. However, in such
33 proceedings, the court reporters shall be entitled to compensation from the
34 state only for the original and two (2) copies of the transcript. The
35 payments shall be made only upon certification thereof by the presiding judge
36 and shall be paid by the Auditor of State from funds appropriated therefor

1 out of the Court Reporters' Fund.

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3 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 16-13-509(c), pertaining to the rate of pay
4 for substitute court reporters, is amended to read as follows:

5 (c)(1) The Auditor of State is authorized to pay, from funds
6 specifically appropriated for this purpose, the substitute court reporter for
7 the court reporting services furnished to the circuit judge ~~or chancery~~
8 judge.

9 (2) The substitute court reporter will be paid at ~~a daily rate,~~
10 ~~based upon the daily pay rate of the court reporter for whom he or she is~~
11 ~~substituting~~ the rate of one hundred and seventy-five dollars (\$175) per day.