

Act 762 of the 1989 Regular Session.

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HB1743

By: Representatives Wilson and Shaver

"AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE ANNOTATED 16-13-509 TO ALLOW THE ARKANSAS JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT TO SECURE PAYMENT FOR SUBSTITUTE COURT REPORTERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated 16-13-509 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"16-13-509. Substitute court reporters.

(a) In the absence of the official court reporter, the circuit and chancery judges and the magistrates employed by the Arkansas Judicial Department are authorized to temporarily employ the services of a substitute court reporter if the temporary employment is necessary and essential to prevent a disruption of the business of the court. The substitute court reporter shall be a reporter duly certified by the Arkansas Supreme Court Board of Certified Court Reporter Examiners.

(b) Whenever a circuit or chancery judge or the magistrates employed by the Arkansas Judicial Department temporarily employs a substitute court reporter, the judge or magistrate may certify to the Auditor of State, upon forms prepared by the Auditor of State, that he has temporarily employed the services of a substitute court reporter and that the temporary employment was necessary and essential to prevent a disruption of the business of his court. The judge or magistrate shall further furnish to the Auditor of State the name, address, and social security number of the substitute court reporter and the number of days the substitute court reporter was temporarily employed, plus any other information concerning the employment as requested by the Auditor of State.

(c) The Auditor of State is authorized to pay, from funds specifically appropriated for this purpose, the substitute court reporter for the court reporting services furnished to the circuit, chancery, or magistrate's court. The substitute court reporter will be paid at a daily rate, based upon the daily pay rate of a court reporter in Grade 19, Step 5, of the most current pay table contained in the Uniform Classification and Compensation Act, 21-5-201 et seq.

(d) In any one (1) fiscal year, however, the Auditor of State will not pay for the services of a substitute court reporter or substitute court reporters, for any one (1) circuit or chancery judge or magistrate, in excess of twenty (20) working days. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to preclude or prohibit any circuit or chancery judge from obtaining payment for the services of a substitute court reporter from the county or counties comprising the judge's judicial district rather than from the Auditor of State."

SECTION 2. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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