

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 7 OF ACT 16 OF THE FIRST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF 1981 [ARK. STATS. 22-367.4] TO INCREASE THE COMPENSATION THAT COURT REPORTERS OF THE CIRCUIT, CHANCERY, AND PROBATE COURTS ARE ENTITLED TO FOR TRANSCRIPTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Section 7 of Act 16 of the First Extraordinary Session of 1981, the same being Arkansas Statutes 22-367.4, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 7. When required to make a transcript of court proceedings, each court reporter of the circuit, chancery, and probate courts shall be entitled to compensation therefor at the rate of Three Dollars and Ten Cents (\$3.10) per page for the original, and shall furnish at no additional expense two (2) copies, and at the rate of Fifty Cents (\$.50) per page for each additional copy thereafter; further, when required to prepare photocopied evidence as part of a transcript, each reporter shall be entitled to compensation therefor at the rate of One Dollar and Fifty Cents (\$1.50) per page, for an original and (2) copies, and at the rate of Fifty Cents (\$.50) per page for each additional copy thereafter, with cost to be paid by the parties ordering such transcripts.

In indigent and In Forma Pauperis proceedings, the compensation to the court reporters for transcripts, provided for herein, shall be paid by the State of Arkansas. Provided, in such proceedings the court reporters shall

transcript, from the State. Such payments shall be made only upon certification thereof by the presiding judge and shall be paid by the Auditor of State from funds appropriated therefor out of the Court Reporters' Fund."

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that the compensation to court reporters, of the circuit, chancery, and probate courts, for making transcripts of court proceedings is inadequate, and that this Act is immediately necessary to provide adequate compensation. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act, being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

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