

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 85th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1623

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5 By: Representative D. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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18 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A FIXED RATE OF PAY
19 FOR A SUBSTITUTE TRIAL COURT STAFF
20 PERSON; TO REMOVE THE ANNUAL CAP FOR
21 COURT REPORTER EXPENSES; TO CHANGE FEES
22 FOR COURT REPORTERS; AND TO CHANGE PAY
23 FOR SUBSTITUTE COURT REPORTERS.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 16-10-803 is amended to read as follows:
29 16-10-803. Payment.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

(2) 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 two (2) copies and at the rate of fifty cents (50¢) per page for each additional copy thereafter, with the cost to be paid by the parties ordering transcripts.

(b) In indigent and in forma pauperis proceedings, the compensation to the court reporter for transcripts, provided for in subsection (a) of this section, shall be paid by the State of Arkansas. However, in such proceedings, the court reporters shall be entitled to compensation from the state only for the original and two (2) copies of the transcript. The 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

1 out of the Court Reporters' Fund.

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

(c)(1) 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 judge ~~or chancery~~ judge.

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