

## CHAPTER 284

## SHORTHAND REPORTERS

## H. F. 223

AN ACT relating to the compensation paid to shorthand reporters of the district court and participation in group insurance plans.

*Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:*

1 SECTION 1. Section six hundred five point eight (605.8), Code 1973,  
2 is amended to read as follows:

3 **605.8 Compensation.** Each full-time shorthand reporter of the dis-  
4 trict court shall be paid, *in equal installments*, an annual salary *in equal*  
5 *installments* as hereinafter provided. Each district judge, upon the  
6 appointment of a full-time shorthand reporter as ~~hereinbefore~~ provided,  
7 shall certify the name and address of ~~such~~ *the* reporter and the date  
8 upon which his term of service begins, to each county auditor in the  
9 judicial district.

10 Salaries of certified shorthand reporters of the district court shall be  
11 as follows:

12 1. The annual salary of a full-time shorthand reporter in a judicial  
13 district which does not contain a city having a population of more than  
14 fifty thousand shall be ten thousand seven hundred fifty dollars.

15 2. The annual salary of a full-time shorthand reporter in a judicial  
16 district which contains a city having a population of fifty thousand or  
17 more but less than one hundred twenty-five thousand, shall be eleven  
18 thousand seven hundred fifty dollars.

19 3. The annual salary of a full-time shorthand reporter in a judicial  
20 district which contains a city having a population of one hundred  
21 twenty-five thousand, or more, shall be twelve thousand seven hundred  
22 fifty dollars.

23 4. Population shall be determined according to the latest federal  
24 decennial census.

25 *The base starting salary of a full-time certified shorthand reporter*  
26 *shall be twelve thousand dollars. The base salary may be increased by*  
27 *an amount not to exceed five hundred dollars for each year of experi-*  
28 *ence as a shorthand reporter. The maximum salary shall not exceed*  
29 *sixteen thousand dollars except as provided in this section.*

30 5. All of the judges in a judicial district may, by joint order, in-  
31 crease the annual salary of a full-time shorthand reporter in that  
32 district for length of service in excess of five years by an additional  
33 amount not to exceed ten percent of a reporter's annual salary in such  
34 a district.

35 In the event a judge shall have died or resigned his office, the court  
36 reporter appointed by him shall continue to serve in such capacity as  
37 may be directed by the remaining judges of said judicial district, and  
38 shall be paid his regular compensation, until his successor has been  
39 appointed and certified to the county auditor.

40 Shorthand reporters of the district court *who are* employed on an  
41 emergency basis shall be paid ~~thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents~~ per  
42 ~~day~~ *for each day's attendance upon said a forty dollar per diem while*  
43 *employed by the court, or employment while employed under the direc-*  
44 *tion of the judge, out of. The per diem shall be paid from the county*  
45 *treasury where such the court is held, upon the certificate of the judge*

46 holding the court, or directing the employment, ~~provided however,~~  
 47 ~~that.~~ *However*, the maximum compensation for one-day attendance at  
 48 court shall not exceed the per diem herein designated. Payments shall  
 49 be made at least once each month. ~~Provided further that if any judicial~~  
 50 ~~district contains a city having a population of fifty thousand or more,~~  
 51 ~~the district court judges of said district may by joint order fix the~~  
 52 ~~compensation of any shorthand reporter of said district at an amount~~  
 53 ~~in excess of the per diem designated herein, but not more than five~~  
 54 ~~percent thereof. If any judicial district contains a city having a popu-~~  
 55 ~~lation of one hundred fifty thousand or more, the district court judges~~  
 56 ~~of said district may by joint order fix the compensation of any short-~~  
 57 ~~hand reporter of said district at an amount in excess of the per diem~~  
 58 ~~designated herein, but not more than ten percent thereof.~~

59 *Full-time certified shorthand reporters serving district associate*  
 60 *judges shall be entitled to receive the same compensation they would*  
 61 *be entitled to receive if they were serving district court judges.*

62 *Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, full-time certified*  
 63 *shorthand reporters may, by joint order of the district court judges in*  
 64 *such district, be individually granted additional compensation in excess*  
 65 *of the amounts provided for in this section, not to exceed five percent*  
 66 *of such amounts.*

1 SEC. 2. Section six hundred five point nine (605.9), Code 1973, is  
 2 amended to read as follows:

3 **605.9 Population determined—proportion of payment—assistants.**  
 4 Immediately after the results of each decennial federal census are pub-  
 5 lished, the chief judge of each judicial district shall determine there-  
 6 from the population of each county of said district, and shall certify to  
 7 the county auditor of each such county the percentage proportion of  
 8 the population of each such county to the aggregate population of all  
 9 of the counties in said judicial district. *The chief judge shall select one*  
 10 *county to issue warrants to the reporter in the amount of his total*  
 11 *compensation. Each county auditor of the other counties in the dis-*  
 12 *trict shall issue warrants to ~~said reporter~~ the county treasurer of the*  
 13 *county paying the reporter in the percentage amount of the total com-*  
 14 *penetration of said reporter as certified by the district judges, and the*  
 15 *county treasurer shall pay same out of any funds in the county trea-*  
 16 *sury not otherwise appropriated.*

17 In the event it is determined by any judge of the district court that  
 18 it is necessary to employ an additional shorthand reporter because of  
 19 an extraordinary volume of work, or because of the temporary illness  
 20 or incapacity of a regular shorthand reporter, such judge may appoint  
 21 a temporary shorthand reporter who shall serve as required by said  
 22 judge, and shall be paid compensation on a per diem basis at the pre-  
 23 vailing rates of compensation for such reporters as may be determined  
 24 by the judge. ~~In such event, the district judge shall certify to each~~  
 25 ~~county auditor in his judicial district the name of the shorthand~~  
 26 ~~reporter so appointed, and the amount of compensation which shall~~  
 27 ~~be paid, and said reporter shall be paid in the same manner and in the~~  
 28 ~~same proportions as is herein provided. A temporary shorthand re-~~  
 29 ~~porter shall be paid in the same manner as a regular reporter.~~

1 SEC. 3. Section six hundred five point ten (605.10), Code 1973, is  
 2 amended to read as follows:

3     **605.10 Expenses.** Where a shorthand court reporter is required,  
 4 in the discharge of his official duties, to leave the county of his resi-  
 5 dence or leave the city or town of his residence to perform such duties,  
 6 he shall be paid his actual and necessary hotel and living expenses not  
 7 to exceed the sum of ~~fifteen~~ *twenty* dollars per day and transportation  
 8 expenses as shall be incurred, which account shall be itemized and  
 9 approved by the presiding judge of the district court and certified to  
 10 the county auditor of the county in which such expenses are incurred,  
 11 and shall be paid in the same manner as the per diem of such reporter  
 12 is paid.

1     SEC. 4. No district court reporter shall receive a full-time salary  
 2 in an amount less than he received on June 30, 1973.

1     SEC. 5. Section five hundred nine A point seven (509A.7), Code  
 2 1973, is amended to read as follows:

3     **509A.7 Employee defined.** The word "employee" as used in this  
 4 division shall not include temporary or retired employees; however,  
 5 nothing herein shall be construed as preventing a retired employee  
 6 from voluntarily continuing in force, at his own expense, an existing  
 7 contract. *For purposes of group insurance, the word "employee"*  
 8 *includes a full-time certified court reporter as an employee of each*  
 9 *county within the judicial district which employs him, on a percentage*  
 10 *basis as provided in section six hundred five point nine (605.9) of the*  
 11 *Code. However, group insurance for the certified court reporter may*  
 12 *be obtained through only one of the counties within the district, at the*  
 13 *reporter's option, with a percentage contribution from the other*  
 14 *counties, on the basis provided in section six hundred five point nine*  
 15 *(605.9) of the Code, for the employer's share of the premium.*

1     SEC. 6. Section six hundred five point twelve (605.12), Code 1973,  
 2 is amended to read as follows:

3     **605.12 Taxed as part of costs.** A charge of ~~eight~~ *fifteen* dollars  
 4 per day for reporting in all cases, except where the defendant in a  
 5 criminal case is acquitted, shall be taxed as part of the costs in the case  
 6 by the clerk of the court and paid into the county treasury when col-  
 7 lected.

1     SEC. 7. Any certified shorthand court reporter employed on June  
 2 30, 1973 in this state shall not receive a salary of less than the rate  
 3 that he receives on June 30, 1973.

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This Act was passed by the G. A. before July 1, 1973.