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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to certified shorthand reporters.
 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section six hundred five point six (605.6),
2 Code 1979, is amended by adding the following new unnumbered
3 paragraph:

4 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. If a judge dies or resigns,
5 the shorthand reporter appointed by the judge shall continue
6 to serve as may be directed by the chief judge of the judicial
7 district, and shall be paid regular compensation, until a
8 successor is appointed and certified to the county auditor.

9 Sec. 2. Section six hundred five point eight (605.8),
10 unnumbered paragraph two (2), Code 1979, as amended by Acts
11 of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly, 1979 Session, chapter
12 two (2), section eleven (11), is amended to read as follows:

13 The base starting salary of a full-time certified shorthand
14 reporter shall be fourteen thousand seven hundred dollars.
15 The base salary of a full-time certified shorthand reporter
16 may be increased by an amount not to exceed seven percent
17 for each year of experience as a shorthand reporter. The
18 maximum salary shall not exceed ~~twenty-one~~ twenty-two thousand
19 ~~one~~ six hundred ~~twenty-one~~ dollars except as provided in this
20 section.

21 Sec. 3. Section six hundred five point eight (605.8),
22 unnumbered paragraphs three (3) and five (5), Code 1979, as
23 the section is amended by Acts of the Sixty-eighth General
24 Assembly, 1979 Session, chapter two (2), section eleven (11),
25 are amended to read as follows:

26 Shorthand reporters who are employed on an emergency basis
27 in the district court shall be paid not ~~to exceed seventy-~~
28 ~~five~~ less than one hundred nor more than one hundred fifty
29 dollars per diem while employed by the court or while employed
30 under the direction of the judge. The per diem shall be paid
31 from the county treasury where the court is held, upon the
32 certificate of the judge holding the court, or directing the
33 employment. However, the maximum compensation for one-day
34 attendance at court shall not exceed the per diem. Payments
35 shall be made at least once each month.

1 ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, full-time~~
2 Full-time certified shorthand reporters may, by joint order
3 of the district court judges in ~~such~~ the district, be
4 individually granted additional compensation in excess of
5 the amounts provided ~~for~~ in this section, not to exceed ~~five~~
6 ten percent of ~~such~~ the amounts.

7 Sec. 4. Section six hundred five point ten (605.10), Code
8 1979, is amended to read as follows:

9 605.10 EXPENSES. Where a shorthand court reporter is
10 required, in the discharge of ~~his~~ official duties, to leave
11 the county of ~~his~~ residence or leave the city of ~~his~~ residence
12 to perform ~~such~~ the duties, ~~he~~ the shorthand reporter shall
13 be paid ~~his~~ actual and necessary ~~hotel-and-living~~ expenses
14 ~~not-to-exceed-the-sum-of-twenty-dollars-per-day-and~~
15 ~~transportation-expenses-as-shall-be~~ incurred, ~~which-account~~
16 ~~shall-be-itemized-and-approved-by-the-presiding-judge-of-the~~
17 ~~district-court-and-certified-to-the-county-auditor-of-the~~
18 ~~county-in-which-such-expenses-are-incurred,-and-shall-be-paid~~
19 ~~in-the-same-manner-as-the-per-diem-of-such-reporter-is-paid~~
20 in the performance of duties not to exceed a maximum amount
21 set by the supreme court by rule prescribing the maximum
22 amount, terms and conditions for reimbursement.

23 Sec. 5. This Act takes effect January first following
24 its enactment.

25 EXPLANATION

26 This bill allows a shorthand reporter to continue to serve
27 after the death or resignation of the judge who appointed
28 the shorthand reporter until the appointment of a new shorthand
29 reporter. This bill also allows the salary of a full-time
30 certified shorthand reporter to be increased by seven percent
31 for each year of experience and increases the maximum salary
32 from twenty-one thousand one hundred twenty-one dollars to
33 twenty-two thousand six hundred dollars. The per diem paid
34 to the shorthand reporters employed on an emergency basis
35 is increased from seventy-five dollars to between one hundred

1 and one hundred fifty dollars. The percentage granted to
2 full-time shorthand reporters for compensation is increased
3 from five to ten percent of the salary. The reimbursement
4 for travel expenses incurred by shorthand reporters shall
5 be set by rule by the supreme court instead of the twenty
6 dollars per diem presently set by statute.

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