

AN ACT

relating to annual limitations on the reimbursement of expenses incurred by district court reporters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 52.055, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as follows:

(d) The expenses reimbursed under this section are subject to annual limitations based on the size of the judicial district. Except as provided by Subsection (d-1), a [A] court reporter may not receive more than the maximum reimbursement amount set for the reporter's judicial district in any one year. The maximum reimbursement amount is as follows:

(1) if the judicial district contains two counties, the maximum reimbursement amount is \$400;

(2) if the judicial district contains three counties, the maximum reimbursement amount is \$800;

(3) if the judicial district contains four counties, the maximum reimbursement amount is \$1,400; and

(4) if the judicial district contains five or more counties, the maximum reimbursement amount is \$2,000.

(d-1) For expenses that exceed the annual maximum reimbursement amount set for a court reporter's judicial district under Subsection (d), the reporter may receive reimbursement from

1 the county for which the expenses were incurred on approval of the  
2 commissioners court of the county.

3           SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to  
4 expenses incurred by a court reporter on or after the effective date  
5 of this Act. Expenses incurred before the effective date of this  
6 Act are governed by the law in effect on the date the expenses were  
7 incurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that  
8 purpose.

9           SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4032 was passed by the House on May 6, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 142, Nays 2, 2 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 4032 was passed by the Senate on May 18, 2017, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor