

COURT TRANSCRIPT FEES

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill increases the fee for a court transcription.

Highlighted Provisions:

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Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

This bill takes effect on July 1, 2014.

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

78A-2-408, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2011, Chapter 143

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **78A-2-408** is amended to read:

78A-2-408. Transcripts and copies -- Fees.

(1) The Judicial Council shall by rule provide for a standard page format for transcripts of court hearings.

(2) (a) The fee for a transcript of a court session, or any part of a court session, shall be [~~\$3.50~~] \$4.50 per page, which includes the initial preparation of the transcript and one certified copy. The preparer shall deposit the original text file and printed transcript with the clerk of the court and provide the person requesting the transcript with the certified copy. The cost of

30 additional copies shall be as provided in Subsection 78A-2-301(1). The transcript for an
31 appeal shall be prepared within the time period permitted by the rules of Appellate Procedure.
32 The fee for a transcript prepared within three business days of the request shall be 1-1/2 times
33 the base rate. The fee for a transcript prepared within one business day of the request shall be
34 double the base rate.

35 (b) When a transcript is ordered by the court, the fees shall be paid by the parties to the
36 action in equal proportion or as ordered by the court. The fee for a transcript in a criminal case
37 in which the defendant is found to be impecunious shall be paid pursuant to Section 77-32-305.

38 ~~[(c) There is established within the General Fund a restricted account known as the
39 Court Reporting Technology Account. The clerk of the court shall transfer to the state
40 treasurer for deposit into this account all fees received under this section. The state court
41 administrator may draw upon this account for the purchase, development, and maintenance of
42 court reporting technologies, information technology, and other expenses necessary for
43 maintaining a verbatim record of court sessions.]~~

44 (3) The fee for the preparation of a transcript of a court hearing by an official court
45 transcriber and the fee for the preparation of the transcript by a certified court reporter of a
46 hearing before any court, referee, master, board, or commission of this state shall be as
47 provided in Subsection (2)(a), and shall be payable to the person preparing the transcript.
48 Payment for a transcript under this section is the responsibility of the party requesting the
49 transcript.

50 Section 2. **Effective date.**

51 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2014.