

ASSEMBLY, No. 1626

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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1 AN ACT concerning transcript fees and amending N.J.S.2B:7-4.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
4 of New Jersey:

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6 1. N.J.S.2B:7-4 is amended to read as follows:

7 2B:7-4. Transcript; Fees. a. [When a transcript of a stenographic  
8 record or other recording in any court or in any other proceeding  
9 recorded at the direction of the Supreme Court is made, at the request  
10 of any person, the original and copies thereof shall be prepared in the  
11 manner prescribed by Administrative Office of the Courts regulations  
12 and paid for at the rate of \$1.50 for each page of the original and  
13 \$0.50 for each of the copies.]

14 When a transcript of the stenographic record or electronic  
15 recording record in any court or any other proceeding recorded at the  
16 direction of the Supreme Court is made by a reporter or recording  
17 transcriber, at the request of any person, the original and copies  
18 thereof shall be prepared in the manner prescribed by Administrative  
19 Office of the Courts regulations and the following fees shall be  
20 permitted:

21 (1) For any transcript prepared and delivered on the same day,  
22 \$6.00 per page and \$0.50 per copy of each page;

23 (2) For any transcript prepared overnight, \$5.00 per page and  
24 \$0.50 per copy of each page;

25 (3) For any transcript prepared within two to seven days from the  
26 date of request, \$4.00 per page and \$0.50 per copy of each page; and

27 (4) For any other transcript, \$3.00 per page and \$0.25 per copy of  
28 each page.

29 b. If the transcript is furnished to a judge of the court, by court  
30 order, the reporter shall be paid at the same rates, and in the same  
31 manner and from the same sources as the reporter's salary or per diem  
32 fees are paid.

33 [b.]c. Except as to transcripts that are to be paid for by the State  
34 or county, the person preparing the transcripts may require any person

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 requesting a transcript to prepay the estimated fee therefor in advance  
2 of delivery of the transcript.  
3 (cf: N.J.S.2B:7-4)

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5 2. This act shall take effect on the 60th day following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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10 This bill would revise the present fee structure for transcripts  
11 prepared by court reporters and transcribers. Presently, the authorized  
12 fee is \$1.50 per page and \$0.50 per copy of each page of a transcript.  
13 This bill would permit a standard fee of \$3.00 per page and \$0.25 per  
14 copy. For transcripts produced within two to seven days, the bill  
15 would authorize a fee of \$4.00 per page and \$0.50 per copy. For  
16 transcripts produced overnight, the fee would be \$5.00 per page and  
17 \$0.50 per copy. For transcripts prepared and delivered the same day  
18 the fee would be \$6.00 per page and \$0.50 per copy. Transcription  
19 fees were last raised in 1981.

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Revises fee structure for court transcripts.