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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal sections 488.2250 and 488.2253, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof two new sections relating to fees associated with court reporters.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Sections 488.2250 and 488.2253, RSMo, are repealed and two new sections enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 488.2250 and 488.2253, to read as follows:

488.2250. 1. For all transcripts of testimony given or proceedings had in any circuit court, the court reporter shall receive the sum of [one dollar and fifty cents] **two dollars and twenty-five cents** per twenty-five line page for the original of the transcript, and the sum of [thirty-five] fifty cents per twenty-five line page for each [carbon] copy thereof; the page to be approximately eight and one-half inches by eleven inches in size, with left-hand margin of approximately one and one-half inches and the right-hand margin of approximately one-half inch; answer to follow question on same line when feasible; such page to be designated as a legal page. Any judge, in his **or her** discretion, may order a transcript of all or any part of the evidence or oral proceedings, and the court reporter's fees for making the same shall be paid by the state upon a voucher approved by the court, and taxed against the state. In criminal cases where an appeal is taken by the defendant, and it appears to the satisfaction of the court that the defendant is unable to pay the costs of the transcript for the purpose of perfecting the appeal, the court shall order the court reporter to furnish three transcripts in duplication of the notes of the evidence, for [the original of] which he **or she** shall receive [one dollar and fifty] **two dollars and twenty-five cents** per [legal] twenty-five line page and for [the] **additional** copies [twenty] fifty cents per page. The payment of court reporter's fees provided in this section

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

shall be made by the state upon a voucher approved by the court.

2. Beginning January 1, 2004, the amounts a court reporter shall receive for transcripts described in subsection 1 of this section shall be increased or decreased on an annual basis, effective January first of each year, in accordance with the Implicit Price Deflator for Personal Consumption Expenditures as published by the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the United States Department of Commerce. The current value of the limitation shall be calculated by the director of the department of insurance, who shall furnish the value to the secretary of state, who shall publish such value in the Missouri Register each year, as soon after the first day of January as practical, but shall be otherwise exempt from the provisions of section 536.021, RSMo.

488.2253. In every contested case, or case in which the evidence is to be preserved, except for the collection of delinquent or back taxes, before any circuit judge when an official court reporter is appointed, the clerk of said court shall tax up the sum of [fifteen] twenty-five dollars, to be collected as other costs, and paid by said clerk to the director of revenue of the state.

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