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To: Judiciary A

## HOUSE BILL NO. 1518

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-107, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO PROVIDE THAT APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION AS A COURT REPORTER  
3 SHALL NOT REQUIRE A PHOTOGRAPH; TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-121,  
4 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS; AND  
5 FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

7 SECTION 1. Section 9-13-107, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
8 amended as follows:[BD1]

9 9-13-107. No person shall be qualified or authorized to  
10 report testimony or proceedings relevant to matters under the  
11 jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Mississippi, all state  
12 agencies or the Legislature or any committee or subcommittee  
13 thereof, or where appeal to any court of the State of Mississippi  
14 is allowable by law, unless such person satisfies the provisions  
15 of Sections 9-13-101 through 9-13-121 with respect to  
16 certification. Sections 9-13-101 through 9-13-121 shall not be  
17 construed to apply to any proceedings that take place outside the  
18 borders of the State of Mississippi.

19 Every applicant for examination for certification as a  
20 Certified Shorthand Reporter shall file with the person designated  
21 by the board a written application in the form prescribed by the  
22 board which shall not require a photograph. At the time the  
23 application is filed, the applicant shall pay to the board an  
24 application fee established by regulation, which fee shall not be  
25 subject to withdrawal by the applicant in the event he should  
26 decide not to take the examination or is denied the right to take  
27 the examination. Upon request, the board shall forward to any

28 interested person application forms together with the text of this  
29 chapter and copies of regulations promulgated by the board under  
30 the provisions of this chapter.

31 SECTION 2. Section 9-13-121, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
32 amended as follows:[BD2]

33 9-13-121. (1) Any person graduating from a National Court  
34 Reporters Association approved school, whether in Mississippi or  
35 out-of-state, after July 2, 1994, with a degree in court reporting  
36 shall be given certification without examination.

37 (2) The Board of Court Reporters shall implement a true  
38 Certified Shorthand Reporter's (CSR) examination wherein all  
39 examinees are able to pass each part of said examination in legs  
40 (one part at a time). The speeds for the CSR examination shall  
41 be: Q & A: 200 words a minute; Jury Charge: 180 words a minute;  
42 and Literary: 160 words a minute. All temporary permits shall be  
43 stayed until the board has provided such an examination.

44 (3) Examinations for certification shall be given not less  
45 than each six (6) months, at a time and place designated by the  
46 board. Notification of such examinations shall be given each  
47 applicant in writing not less than thirty (30) days before  
48 examination date.

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50 (4) \* \* \* If after three (3) consecutive examinations the  
51 applicant holding the temporary certificate has not qualified for  
52 certification, the applicant shall be permitted a hearing before  
53 the board. If the applicant has passed at least two (2) parts of  
54 the examination, the applicant will be given an extension of not  
55 more than one (1) year.

56 (5) Should any official court reporting position become  
57 available, such position must be filled only by an actual tested  
58 applicant.

59 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
60 and after July 1, 2000.