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To: Judiciary

## SENATE BILL NO. 3103

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-121, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE GIVING OF EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATION AS A COURT  
3 REPORTER, NOTICE, THE EFFECT OF NOT PASSING THE EXAMINATION, AND  
4 TEMPORARY CERTIFICATES; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 9-13-121, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
7 amended as follows:[CSQ1]

8 9-13-121. (1) Any person graduating from an NCRA-approved  
9 school with a degree in court reporting after July 2, 1994,  
10 whether in Mississippi or out-of-state, shall be given  
11 certification without examination.

12 (2) The Board of Court Reporters shall implement a true  
13 Certified Shorthand Reporter's ("CSR") examination wherein all  
14 examinees are able to pass each part of said examination in "legs"  
15 (one part at a time). The speeds for the CSR examination shall  
16 be: Q & A: two hundred (200) words per minute; Jury Charge: one  
17 hundred eighty (180) words per minute; and Literary: one hundred  
18 sixty (160) words per minute. All temporary permits shall be  
19 "stayed" until the board has provided such an examination.

20 Examinations for certification shall be given not less than  
21 each six (6) months, at a time and place designated by the board.  
22 Notification of such examinations shall be given each applicant  
23 in writing not less than thirty (30) days before each examination  
24 date.

25 If after three (3) consecutive examinations, the applicant  
26 holding the temporary certificate has not qualified for  
27 certification, the applicant shall be permitted a hearing before

28 the board. If said applicant has passed at least two (2) parts of  
29 the examination, the applicant will be given an extension of not  
30 more than one (1) year.

31 Should any official court reporting position become  
32 available, said position must be filled only by an actual "tested"  
33 applicant, not an applicant who has been grandfathered in.

34 (3) Those reporters holding temporary certificates must  
35 submit their applications, together with the fee, to the board and  
36 take the next scheduled examination. If after three (3)  
37 consecutive examinations the applicant holding the temporary  
38 certificate has not qualified for certification, the applicant  
39 shall be deemed unqualified to serve as a reporter until the  
40 applicant passes the examination and receives permanent  
41 certification.

42 (4) No photo identification may be required of any applicant  
43 prior to the taking of any examination, and then only in  
44 preparation for the issuance of a license under this article of  
45 Title 9, Chapter 13.

46 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
47 and after July 1, 2000.