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To: Judiciary

SENATE BILL NO. 2741  
(As Sent to Governor)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-121, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,  
2 TO REVISE THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A PERSON MAY PRACTICE THE  
3 PROFESSION OF COURT REPORTING UNDER A TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE; AND  
4 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:

8 9-13-121. (1) (a) Except as otherwise provided in  
9 paragraph (b) of this subsection (1), any person graduating from  
10 a \* \* \* court reporting school \* \* \* approved by the State of  
11 Mississippi or some other state shall be given a temporary  
12 certification but shall make application for and pass a Certified  
13 Shorthand Reporter's (CSR) examination as is provided \* \* \* in  
14 this section.

15 (b) Any person who is enrolled in a court reporting  
16 program or court reporting school, whether in Mississippi or  
17 out-of-state, that is accredited by the National Court Reporting  
18 Association, and who graduates prior to November 1, 2008, shall be  
19 granted certification without examination.

20 (2) (a) The Board of Court Reporters shall implement a true  
21 CSR examination wherein all examinees are given the option to take  
22 any part or parts of the \* \* \* examination independent of the  
23 other parts; however, each part, once passed, need not be retaken  
24 by that examinee. Any applicant granted a temporary certification  
25 or permit \* \* \* shall be allowed not less than thirty-six (36)  
26 months after being granted the temporary certification or permit  
27 to pass the examination.



28           (b) (i) Examinations for certification shall be given  
29 not less than every six (6) months at a time and place designated  
30 by the board. Notification of such examinations shall be given  
31 each applicant in writing not less than thirty (30) days before  
32 each examination date. Proof of notice of an examination having  
33 been sent less than thirty (30) days before an examination date  
34 shall automatically extend a temporary certificate for an  
35 additional six (6) months beyond what is otherwise provided in  
36 this section.

37           (ii) If \* \* \* an applicant holding \* \* \* temporary  
38 certification has not qualified for certification within the  
39 required time, the applicant shall be permitted a hearing before  
40 the board. If said applicant has passed at least two (2) parts of  
41 the examination, the applicant will be given an additional  
42 extension of not more than one (1) year.

43           (iii) If a court reporter is unavailable, the use  
44 of audio or video equipment shall be authorized.

45           (3) Those reporters holding temporary certificates must  
46 submit their applications, together with the fee, to the board and  
47 take the next scheduled examination. If \* \* \* the applicant  
48 holding \* \* \* temporary certification has not qualified for  
49 certification within the required time, the applicant shall be  
50 deemed unqualified to serve as a reporter until the applicant  
51 passes the examination and receives permanent certification or has  
52 been granted an extension according to subsection (2).

53           (4) Photo identification may be required of any applicant  
54 prior to the taking of an examination for security reasons only  
55 but shall not be used for discrimination against applicants on the  
56 basis of race, gender, age, creed or national origin.

57           **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
58 and after its passage.

