

By: Representative Watson

To: Judiciary A

HOUSE BILL NO. 503

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 9-13-9, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO  
2 REVISE THE BOND FOR COURT REPORTERS; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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

4 **SECTION 1.** Section 9-13-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
5 amended as follows:

6 9-13-9. The judge or chancellor shall require the court  
7 reporter to give bond in a penalty of not less than Ten Thousand  
8 Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be approved by the court, conditioned for  
9 the faithful discharge of his duties, and such bond shall be filed  
10 in the office of the clerk of the court of any county in the  
11 district, who shall, at the cost of the court reporter, certify a  
12 copy thereof to the clerk of said court in each of the other  
13 counties of the district, to be filed and preserved in his office,  
14 and said copies shall be competent evidence in any proceedings.  
15 And such bond shall be recorded at length in the bond record book  
16 of the county where the original is filed. The bond required by  
17 this section shall be in place before any court reporter,  
18 including temporary reporters, shall be allowed to commence work  
19 as a court reporter.

20 **SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
21 and after July 1, 2005.