

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MR. SPEAKER:

We, the undersigned conferees, have had under consideration the amendments to the following entitled BILL:

S. B. No. 2741: Court reporters; revise length of eligibility for temporary certification.

We, therefore, respectfully submit the following report and recommendation:

1. That the House recede from its Amendment No. 1.
2. That the Senate and House adopt the following amendment:

Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

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.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

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.

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