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3 By Senator Chambliss
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8 SYNOPSIS: This bill would provide that the state
9 salary of an official court reporter would conform
10 to the pay scale established by the State of
11 Alabama Personnel Department Pay Plan for state
12 employees, would further establish the specific pay
13 grade and step rate at which an official court
14 reporter would enter the pay scale, and would make
15 him or her subject to any cost-of-living and merit
16 raises given to state employees.

17 This bill would also provide the pay grade
18 and step rate for an official court reporter who
19 returns to state service after a break in his or
20 her service.

21 This bill would establish the manner in
22 which the salary for a supernumerary court reporter
23 is determined.

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25 A BILL
26 TO BE ENTITLED
27 AN ACT

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2 Relating to court reporters, to amend Sections
3 12-17-274 and 12-17-292, Code of Alabama 1975; to provide that
4 the state salary of an official court reporter would conform
5 to the pay scale established by the State of Alabama Personnel
6 Department Pay Plan for state employees; to provide for the
7 pay grade and step rate and to make court reporters subject to
8 any cost-of-living and merit raises given to state employees;
9 to provide for the pay grade and step rate of an official
10 court reporter who returns to state service; and to provide
11 for the salary of a supernumerary court reporter.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. Sections 12-17-274 and 12-17-292, Code of
14 Alabama 1975, are amended to read as follows:

15 "§12-17-274.

16 "(a) ~~The~~ An official court ~~reporters~~ reporter shall
17 be paid a salary by the state in ~~such~~ an amount as shall be
18 established by law, to be paid as other state employees are
19 paid.

20 "(b) (1) In addition to the salary paid by the state,
21 each official court reporter shall be paid a salary by the
22 counties composing the circuit in ~~such~~ an amount as shall be
23 established by law.

24 "(2) In circuits composed of more than one county,
25 each county shall pay its pro rata part thereof, based on the
26 assessed tax valuation of all property in ~~such~~ the county for
27 the preceding year.

1 "(3) The payments shall be made in favor of ~~such the~~
2 official court reporter for the respective amounts due by the
3 several counties each month and shall be paid by the treasurer
4 of each county out of the general fund.

5 "(c) This section shall not be construed to repeal
6 or amend any local law, special law, general law, or general
7 law of local application providing extra allowances,
8 compensation, or expenses, for any official court reporter
9 paid from the funds of any county or counties.

10 "(d) (1) Beginning on October 1, ~~1997~~ 2018, the state
11 salary of ~~all an~~ an official court ~~reporters~~ reporter not covered
12 by the Merit System of the State of Alabama shall ~~be~~
13 ~~thirty-eight thousand two hundred and sixty-three dollars and~~
14 ~~fifty-nine cents (\$38,263.59) per year.~~ conform to the pay
15 scale established by the State of Alabama Personnel Department
16 Pay Plan for state employees.

17 "(2) An official court reporter serving on October
18 1, 2018, shall enter the pay scale at a pay grade of 77 and
19 shall receive a salary at a step rate which shall be the
20 closest step rate higher than the salary earned by the
21 official court reporter prior to October 1, 2018.

22 "(3) An official court reporter employed after
23 October 1, 2018, shall receive a salary equivalent to step 1
24 of pay grade 77.

25 "~~(e) In the event a cost-of-living pay raise bill~~
26 ~~for all state employees is enacted during the 1997 Regular~~
27 ~~Session of the Legislature, then no official court reporter~~

1 ~~who receives any increase in compensation under the terms of~~
2 ~~this section shall be entitled to such cost-of-living increase~~
3 ~~granted in any law granting a cost-of-living pay raise. An~~
4 official court reporter shall be entitled to any
5 cost-of-living adjustments given to all state employees and
6 shall also be entitled to any merit raises given to Unified
7 Judicial System employees after the effective date of this
8 act.

9 "(f) In the event of a break in service of an
10 official court reporter paid under the pay scale established
11 by the State of Alabama Personnel Department Pay Plan for
12 state employees, should the official court reporter return to
13 service, the official court reporter shall return to service
14 under the same grade and step in effect at the separation date
15 of the official court reporter.

16 "§12-17-292.

17 "(a) Every supernumerary ~~circuit~~ court reporter
18 shall serve for life and receive annually a salary equal to 50
19 percent of the state salary payable ~~to official circuit court~~
20 ~~reporters, payable to the highest paid official court~~
21 reporter, unless the salary paid to the highest paid official
22 court reporter becomes less than the salary of the official
23 court reporter upon which the salary for a supernumerary court
24 reporter was previously based, and then the salary paid to the
25 supernumerary court reporter may not be reduced on account
26 thereof.

1 "(b) The salary payable to a supernumerary court
2 reporter shall be paid out of the State Treasury as other
3 salaries are paid, but a supernumerary court reporter
4 designated to perform services as a court reporter in court
5 shall be compensated, in lieu of the salary specified in ~~this~~
6 ~~section~~ subsection (a), in like manner and as official court
7 reporters are paid, for the duration of his or her services in
8 court."

9 Section 2. This act shall become effective
10 immediately following its passage and approval by the
11 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.