

2023 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 142

BY SENATOR CARTER

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

COURTS. Authorizes the utilization of court reporters licensed in another state in certain circumstances. (8/1/23)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 13:981.1, relative to district courts; to provide for the appointment of court

3 reporters in certain instances; to provide for qualifications, duties, and

4 responsibilities; to provide for fees; to provide for bond; and to provide for related

5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 13:981.1 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 **§981.1. Court reporter shortage**

9 **A. Notwithstanding R.S. 37:2556, the judges of a district court, acting en**

10 **banc, may declare a shortage of available certified court reporters in their**

11 **district. Upon such a declaration and for the duration of the shortage, a judge**

12 **of that district may appoint as an official or deputy court reporter a court**

13 **reporter who is properly licensed in another state.**

14 **B. A court reporter appointed in accordance with Subsection A of this**

15 **Section shall:**

16 **(1) Have the same duties and responsibilities as provided for other**

17 **official and deputy reporters in this Part for the specific district court.**

