

HOUSE No. 1635

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William M. Straus

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to stenographers and transcribers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

William M. Straus

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

10th Bristol

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By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1635) of William M. Straus relative to the compensation of judicial stenographers and transcribers. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act relative to stenographers and transcribers.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately provide for adequate compensation for stenographers and transcribers, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 88 of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as most recently amended
2 by section 119 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011, is hereby further amended by deleting, as
3 appearing in the session law, the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
4 sentence:-

5 Upon request of the presiding justice or any party, the stenographer or transcriber shall furnish
6 a paper or electronic reproduction transcript of a trial or hearing for which he shall be paid by the
7 party requesting it at the rate of \$3.50 per page for the original and \$1 per page for each
8 additional copy ordered, but not less than \$20.

9 SECTION 2. Section 88 of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
10 section 119 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011, is hereby further amended by deleting, as
11 appearing in the session law, the second sentence.

12 SECTION 3. Section 88 of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
13 section 119 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011, is hereby further amended by deleting, as
14 appearing in the session law, the fourth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
15 sentence:-

16 Additional paper or electronic reproduction copies, if so requested by an indigent person or
17 counsel for an indigent person, shall be paid at \$.25 per page, but not less than \$20.

18 SECTION 4. Section 88 of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
19 section 119 of chapter 68 of the acts of 2011, is hereby further amended by deleting, as
20 appearing in the session law, the fifth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
21 sentence:-

22 In the event that daily copy is ordered by the presiding justice or any party, the rate shall be \$5
23 per page for the original paper or electronic reproduction transcript and \$1.50 per page for each
24 additional paper or electronic reproduction copy; provided that, additional paper or electronic
25 reproduction copies, if so requested by an indigent person or counsel for an indigent person, shall
26 be paid at \$.25 per page, but not less than \$20.

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