

HOUSE No. 964

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 adoption 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. 964) of William M. Straus relative to the fees for furnishing transcripts of notes. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1611 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to stenographers and transcribers.

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 appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting the first sentence and inserting in place thereof
3 the following sentence:-

4 Upon request of the presiding justice or any party, the stenographer or transcriber shall
5 furnish a paper or electronic reproduction transcript of a trial or hearing for which he shall be
6 paid by the party requesting it at the rate of \$3.75 per page for the original and \$1.25 per page for
7 each additional copy ordered, but not less than \$20.

8 SECTION 2. Section 88 of said chapter 221, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
9 by deleting the second sentence.

10 SECTION 3. Section 88 of said chapter 221, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
11 by deleting the fourth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

12 Additional paper or electronic reproduction copies, if so requested by an indigent person
13 or counsel for an indigent person, shall be paid at \$.35 per page, but not less than \$20.

14 SECTION 4. Section 88 of said chapter 221, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
15 by deleting the fifth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

16 In the event that daily copy is ordered by the presiding justice or any party, the rate shall
17 be \$5.25 per page for the original paper or electronic reproduction copy and \$1.75 per page for
18 each additional paper or electronic reproduction copy; provided that, additional paper or
19 electronic reproduction copies, if so requested by an indigent person or counsel for indigent
20 person, shall be paid at \$.35 per page, but not less than \$20.