

2A:11-16

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF S.B. 2A:11-16
(Court reporters: salaries)

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April 10 - Introduced by Sears and Guarini

November 24 - Committee substitute passed in Senate under
emergency resolution

January 13 - Passed in Assembly

January 15 - Approved, chapter 282

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Bill had statement (copy enclosed)

No hearing or reports were located

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SENATE, No. 690

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED APRIL 10, 1969

By Senators SEARS and GUARINI

Referred to Committee on Commerce, Industry and Professions

AN ACT concerning salaries of court reporters and amending section 2A:11-16 of the New Jersey Statutes.

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
2 of New Jersey:

1 1. Section 2A:11-16 of the New Jersey Statutes is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 2A:11-16. (a) Except as provided in this section, **[a]** reporters
4 appointed to serve on a full-time basis pursuant to this article
5 **[shall receive an annual salary to be fixed from time to time by**
6 **the Supreme Court. Such salary shall not be less than the sum of**
7 **\$7,500.00 per annum and shall not exceed the sum of \$12,500.00 per**
8 **annum. All salaries through June 30, 1967 shall be paid as hereto-**
9 **fore; and from July 1, 1967 shall be paid by the State, except as**
10 **provided in paragraph (b) of this section.] shall receive annual**
11 **salaries according to the number of years of prior service at the**
12 **rates set forth in the following table:**

	<i>Years of Service</i>	<i>Annual Salary</i>
13	<i>Less than 1 year</i>	<i>\$7,500.00, minimum</i>
14	<i>1 year</i>	<i>8,000.00</i>
15	<i>2 years</i>	<i>8,750.00</i>
16	<i>3 years</i>	<i>9,500.00</i>
17	<i>4 years</i>	<i>10,500.00</i>
18	<i>5 years</i>	<i>11,500.00</i>
19	<i>6 years</i>	<i>12,500.00</i>
20	<i>7 years</i>	<i>13,500.00</i>
21	<i>8 years</i>	<i>15,000.00</i>

22 *Years of service and annual salary herein provided shall be de-*
23 *termined from the date of first employment and the anniversary*

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24 thereof, but only for employment to serve on a full-time basis.
 25 In any case where such prior service heretofore has been or here-
 26 after shall be interrupted and not continuous, the years of service
 27 shall be taken as the number of whole years represented by the
 28 aggregate of the interrupted periods of such service, and the anni-
 29 versary date shall be taken as that date on which any remaining
 30 part of a year of prior service, taken together with current service,
 31 will accumulate a whole year. No period of service on a part-time
 32 or temporary basis shall be counted for the purpose of this section.

33 (b) The salaries provided for in this section shall be paid by the
 34 State, except that **【Where】** where a reporter is employed wholly
 35 within one county and is a member of that county's retirement
 36 system, the director shall file a certificate with the treasurer of
 37 such county designating the reporter and the amount of his annual
 38 salary and the county treasurer shall pay such salary.

39 (c) In lieu of an annual salary a reporter employed on a part-
 40 time or temporary basis as provided in this article may be paid
 41 such a per diem fee rate as may be fixed from time to time by the
 42 Supreme Court. Such per diem fees **【shall be paid as heretofore**
 43 **through June 30, 1967 and from July 1, 1967】** shall be paid by the
 44 State upon certification of the director.

45 (d) In addition to his salary or per diem fees, a reporter may,
 46 upon the certification of the director, be reimbursed for necessary
 47 travel and other expenses when assigned to serve in a county other
 48 than the one where he resides.

49 (e) **【Commencing July 1, 1967, each】** Each county shall pay
 50 annually to the State Treasurer, in equal quarterly installments,
 51 as its share of reporter expenses for the State fiscal year an amount
 52 equal to the net cost to such county for such expenses for each
 53 preceding fiscal year **【beginning July 1, 1966, and ending June 30,**
 54 **1967】**. Such net cost shall include only the amount paid for
 55 salaries, travel and other necessary expenses, transcripts furnished
 56 to a judge pursuant to section 2A:11-15 of the New Jersey Stat-
 57 utes, and employer's contribution to the Public Employees' Re-
 58 tirement System and social security, less the amount reimbursed
 59 by the State and less the salary of any reporters paid directly by
 60 the county pursuant to paragraph (b) of section 2A:11-16 of the
 61 New Jersey Statutes, which net cost shall be certified by the
 62 director.

63 (f) Every reporter shall be entitled to retain for himself the
 64 fees collected for transcripts as herein provided. All supplies and
 65 equipment shall be furnished by the reporter at his own expense.

66 (g) Reporters appointed to serve on a full-time basis shall be

67 deemed to be State employees eligible for membership in the Public
68 Employees' Retirement System; except, however, that reporters
69 who prior to July 1, 1966, were members of any county employees'
70 retirement system pursuant to chapter 160 of the laws of 1943
71 (C. 43:10-18.1, 43:10-18.25), shall continue therein as county em-
72 ployees for the purposes of that enactment.

1 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1969, and shall be applied on
2 the basis of full-time service then and thereafter accumulated, ac-
3 cording to anniversary dates occurring on and after the effective
4 date hereof.

STATEMENT

The proposed scale of salaries for full-time court reporters, which recognizes the added skill and experience from years of service, will help to allow for the rising cost of living and growing work load resulting from the expanding volume of judicial business. Inadequate salary levels have been a major factor contributing to the present critical shortage of court reporters. The proposed schedule has the approval of the New Jersey Supreme Court and its Administrative Office which is charged with the function of hiring and assigning court reporters.

SENATE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE, No. 690

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 24, 1969

AN ACT concerning salaries of court reporters, amending section 2A:11-16 of the New Jersey Statutes, and making an appropriation.

1 BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
2 *of New Jersey:*

1 1. Section 2A:11-16 of the New Jersey Statutes is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 2A:11-16. (a) Except as provided in this section, **[a]** reporters
4 appointed to serve on a full-time basis pursuant to this article
5 shall receive an annual salary to be fixed from time to time by the
6 Supreme Court. Such salary shall not be less than the sum of
7 \$7,500.00 per annum and shall not exceed the sum of **[\$12,500.00]**
8 *\$15,000.00 per annum, provided, however, that the stated maximum*
9 *shall not preclude the allowance of additional sums authorized by*
10 *the Supreme Court for all reporters by way of cost-of-living and*
11 *other like adjustments, within the limits of available appropria-*
12 *tions. [All salaries through June 30, 1967 shall be paid as hereto-*
13 *fore; and from July 1, 1967 shall be paid by the State, except as*
14 *provided in paragraph (b) of this section.]*

15 (b) *The salaries provided for in this section shall be paid by*
16 *the State except that [Where] where a reporter is employed wholly*
17 *within one county and is a member of that county's retirement*
18 *system, the director shall file a certificate with the treasurer of*
19 *such county designating the reporter and the amount of his annual*
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22 time or temporary basis as provided in this article may be paid
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24 Supreme Court. Such per diem fees **[shall be paid as heretofore**

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29 travel and other expenses when assigned to serve in a county other
30 than the one where he resides.

31 (e) [Commencing July 1, 1967, each] *Each* county shall pay
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33 as its share of reporter expenses for the State fiscal year an amount
34 equal to the net cost to such county for such expenses for each
35 preceding fiscal year [beginning July 1, 1966, and ending June 30,
36 1967]. Such net cost shall include only the amount paid for sal-
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38 to a judge pursuant to section 2A:11-15 of the New Jersey Stat-
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41 the State and less the salary of any reporters paid directly by the
42 county pursuant to paragraph (b) of section 2A:11-16 of the New
43 Jersey Statutes, which net cost shall be certified by the director.

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49 Employees' Retirement System; except, however, that reporters
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51 retirement system pursuant to chapter 160 of the laws of 1943
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53 ployees for the purposes of that enactment.

1 2. The sum of \$170,000.00 is hereby appropriated to the Judiciary
2 to effectuate the purposes of this act.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall be retroactive
2 to July 1, 1969.