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AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MAY 8, 2013

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013–14 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 655**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Quirk-Silva**

February 21, 2013

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An act to add Chapter 9.5 (commencing with Section 73000) to Title 8 of the Government Code, relating to courts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 655, as amended, Quirk-Silva. Court reporters: salary fund.

Existing law provides for the appointment of official reporters of the courts, and prescribes the fees and compensation for reporting services. Existing law requires the charge of an official court reporter fee, in addition to any other fee required in civil actions or cases, for the services of an official court reporter on the first and each succeeding judicial day those services are provided, as specified. Fees collected pursuant to this provision may be used only to pay for services of an official court reporter in civil proceedings.

Existing law, applicable to proceedings in the Los Angeles County Superior Court, directs specified amounts to be set aside from the revenue of the court, including fees for reporting services payable by the parties, for deposit in the Reporters' Salary Fund. Existing law requires the salaries and benefits of official reporters to be paid from the fund, and authorizes the per diem fees and benefits of official reporters pro tempore to be paid from that fund.

This bill would authorize each trial court to establish a Reporters' Salary Fund for the payment of the salaries and benefits of official

reporters, as specified. ~~This bill would authorize a trial court to establish cooperative agreements with the state, county, city and county, or cities within the county to deposit into the Reporters' Salary Fund a portion of revenues from fees, fines, and forfeitures collected by the trial court on behalf of the state, county, city and county, or cities within the county.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 9.5 (commencing with Section 73000)  
2 is added to Title 8 of the Government Code, to read:

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4 CHAPTER 9.5. REPORTERS' SALARY FUND

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6 73000. Each trial court may establish a Reporters' Salary Fund.

7 ~~73002. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, each trial court~~  
8 ~~may establish cooperative agreements with the state, county, city~~  
9 ~~and county, or cities within the county to deposit into the Reporters'~~  
10 ~~Salary Fund a portion of revenues from fees, fines, and forfeitures~~  
11 ~~collected by the trial court on behalf of the state, county, city and~~  
12 ~~county, or cities within the county.~~

13 ~~(b) At the time of each monthly distribution of the revenue of~~  
14 ~~the court to the appropriate funds of the state, county, city and~~  
15 ~~county, or city within the county, as required by law, the clerk of~~  
16 ~~the court shall deduct the agreed upon sum applicable to each~~  
17 ~~entity, and deposit it in the Reporters' Salary Fund.~~

18 ~~(c) The Reporters' Salary Fund shall be a revolving fund that~~  
19 ~~is funded in the amount agreed upon by the parties. Funds deposited~~  
20 ~~into the Reporters' Salary Fund shall, upon appropriation, be used~~  
21 ~~solely to contribute to the salaries and benefits of official reporters.~~