

Introduced by Senator Burton

February 17, 1999

An act to amend Sections 69950 and 69954 of the Government Code, relating to court reporters.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 449, as introduced, Burton. Transcription fees.

Existing law sets the fee for the original ribbon copy, and for other copies, of a court reporter's transcript. Existing law also authorizes the court or any party or person to request a transcript in computer readable form and specifies standards and fees for these transcripts.

This bill would increase the fee for an original transcript, decrease the fee for subsequent copies, as specified, and would make other related changes.

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

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 69950 of the Government Code
 2 is amended to read:
 3 69950. The fee for transcription for ~~an original ribbon~~
 4 ~~printed copy~~ is ~~eighty-five cents (\$0.85)~~ *one dollar and*
 5 *fifteen cents (\$1.15)* for each 100 words, and for each copy
 6 ~~for purchased at the same time by the party buying the~~
 7 original ~~made at the same time, fifteen cents (\$0.15)~~ *ten*
 8 *cents (\$0.10)* for each 100 words. The fee for a first copy
 9 to any other person shall be twenty cents (\$0.20) for each



1 100 words, and for each additional copy, ~~made~~ *purchased*
2 at the same time, ~~fifteen cents (\$0.15)~~ *ten cents (\$0.10)*
3 for each 100 words.

4 SEC. 2. Section 69954 of the Government Code is
5 amended to read:

6 69954. (a) Transcripts prepared by a reporter using
7 computer assistance and delivered on a medium other
8 than paper shall be compensated at the same rate set for
9 paper transcripts, except the reporter may also charge an
10 additional fee not to exceed the cost of the medium or any
11 copies thereof.

12 (b) The fee for a second copy of a transcript on appeal
13 in computer-readable format ordered by or on behalf of
14 a requesting party within 120 days of the filing or delivery
15 of the original transcript shall be compensated at
16 ~~one-third the rate set forth for a second copy of a~~
17 ~~transcript as provided in Section 69950~~ *five cents (\$0.05)*
18 *per 100 words*. A reporter may also charge an additional
19 fee not to exceed the cost of the medium or any copies
20 thereof.

21 (c) The fee for a computer-readable transcript shall be
22 paid by the requesting court, party, or person, unless the
23 computer-readable transcript is requested by a party in
24 lieu of a paper transcript required to be delivered to that
25 party by the rules of court. In that event, the fee shall be
26 chargeable as statute or rule provides for the paper
27 transcript.

28 (d) Any court, party, or person who has purchased a
29 transcript may, without paying a further fee to the
30 reporter, reproduce a copy or portion thereof as an
31 exhibit pursuant to court order or rule, or for internal use,
32 but shall not otherwise provide or sell a copy or copies to
33 any other party or person.

