

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 5046

A bill to amend 1961 PA 236, entitled
"Revised judicature act of 1961,"
by amending section 2543 (MCL 600.2543), as amended by 2004 PA 328.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 2543. (1) The circuit court reporters or recorders are
2 entitled to demand and receive per page for a transcript ordered by
3 any person ~~the sum of \$1.75~~ **\$3.75** per original page and ~~30~~ **90** cents
4 per page for each copy, unless a lower rate is agreed ~~upon.~~ **on.** For
5 a transcript ordered by the circuit judge, reporters or recorders
6 are entitled to receive from the ~~county~~ **court funding unit** the same
7 compensation ~~. The supreme court, by administrative order or court~~
8 ~~rule, may authorize the payment to circuit court reporters or~~
9 ~~recorders the sum of \$3.00 per original page and 50 cents per page~~

~~for each copy for transcripts ordered and timely filed as part of a~~
~~program of differentiated case management for appeals of civil~~
~~cases in which the circuit court either grants or denies summary~~
~~disposition. If a transcript ordered under a program of~~
~~differentiated case management is not timely filed, the circuit~~
~~court reporter or recorder is not entitled to receive the increased~~
~~rate for that transcript.~~ **for work completed outside of normal court**
business hours. During normal court business hours, a reporter or
recorder shall give first priority to appellate transcripts paid
for by the court funding unit. The minimum charge for a transcript
is \$50.00 for the original and 90 cents per page for any copy
requested. On January 1, 2030, and on January 1 of every fifth year
after 2030, the state treasurer shall adjust the amounts in this
subsection to reflect the cumulative annual percentage change in
the Consumer Price Index and publish the adjusted amounts.

(2) Only if the transcript is desired for the purpose of
moving for a new trial or preparing a record for appeal ~~shall~~ **may**
the amount of reporters' or recorders' fees paid for the transcript
be recovered as a part of the taxable costs of the prevailing party
in the motion, in the court of appeals or the supreme court.

(3) **An official court reporter or recorder shall purchase**
supplies and equipment necessary for the production of transcripts,
such as transcript paper, ink, binders, software, and hardware used
in the production of transcripts. The court funding unit shall
purchase the supplies and equipment necessary to capture and
preserve the record, such as steno machines, digital audio-video
recording equipment, computers, and digital storage media.

(4) As used in this section, "Consumer Price Index" means the
most comprehensive index of consumer prices available for this

- 1 state from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States
- 2 Department of Labor.