

REVISED JUDICATURE ACT OF 1961 (EXCERPT)
Act 236 of 1961

600.2543 Circuit court reporters or recorders; fees for transcripts; fees as part of taxable costs; adjustment; purchase of supplies and equipment.

Sec. 2543. (1) The circuit court reporters or recorders are entitled to demand and receive per page for a transcript ordered by any person \$3.75 per original page and 90 cents per page for each copy, unless a lower rate is agreed on. For a transcript ordered by the circuit judge, reporters or recorders are entitled to receive from the court funding unit the same compensation 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 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 state from the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor.

History: 1961, Act 236, Eff. Jan 1, 1963;—Am. 1963, Act 200, Eff. Sept. 6, 1963;—Am. 1974, Act 158, Eff. Sept. 1, 1974;—Am. 1977, Act 31, Imd. Eff. June 22, 1977;—Am. 1978, Act 522, Eff. Jan. 1, 1979;—Am. 1986, Act 308, Eff. Jan. 1, 1987;—Am. 2004, Act 328, Imd. Eff. Sept. 23, 2004;—Am. 2024, Act 226, Eff. Apr. 2, 2025.