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## BILL ANALYSIS



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enate Bill 936 (as introduced 6-20-24)  
Sponsor: Senator Jeff Irwin  
Committee: Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to prohibit a court reporter, court recorder, stenomask reporter, or owner of a court reporting firm from charging more than two-thirds of the price of an original exhibit or other attachment for a copy of that exhibit or attachment and from charging additional fees for the electronic use of copies by non-scheduling parties.**

Generally, court reporters, recorders, and stenomask reporters, must produce an accurate and complete transcript or statement of facts, deliver that transcript or statement of facts in a timely manner, and charge all parties the same price for originals or the same price for copies, among other things.

Under the Act, a court reporter, court recorder, stenomask reporter, or owner of a court reporting firm must not charge more than two-thirds of the price of an original transcript for a copy of that transcript. The bill would apply this provision to a copy of an exhibit or other attachment, as well.

Additionally, the bill would prohibit a court reporter, court recorder, stenomask reporter, or owner of a court reporting firm from doing any of the following:

- Charging a processing or shipping fee for any copy that was transmitted electronically.
- Charging a party that was not responsible to notice or schedule a deposition an additional fee for use of any remote and online format.
- Charging a party that was not responsible to notice or schedule a deposition any additional costs for support, processing, or convenience unless the scheduling party was aware of and had given consent to those costs in writing.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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