

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~~

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

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

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

28 (4) As used in this section, "Consumer Price Index" means the  
29 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.