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House Bill 2517

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to the Committee on Finance.]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §51-7-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating
 2 to compensation for full time official court reporters; and providing for salary increases
 3 based upon years of service.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 7. OFFICIAL REPORTERS.

§51-7-5. Salary in lieu of all other compensation.

1 (a) If neither of the methods of compensation provided for in section three of this article
 2 ~~be is~~ adopted, a salary may be allowed in lieu of all other compensation, which shall be paid at
 3 least twice per month, out of the State Treasury, in such ~~proportions~~ amounts as the court or
 4 judge may fix in accordance with the rules of the Supreme Court of Appeals. All fees for services
 5 rendered by the official reporter in the discharge of his or her duties as such, when he or she is
 6 allowed a salary under the provisions of this section, may be collected, and shall, when collected
 7 by the sheriff or official reporter, be paid into the State Treasury; and it shall be the duty of ~~such~~
 8 the reporter to make out, sign and deliver to the sheriff a fee bill in every case, civil or criminal,
 9 giving the style thereof and the amount due, and from whom, which amount may be collected or
 10 levied for by the sheriff, and ~~such~~ the fee bill shall have the force and effect of an execution when
 11 levied. An official reporter compensated under the provisions of this section shall collect the fees
 12 mentioned in §51-7-4 of this code for any transcript of his or her shorthand notes of the testimony
 13 or proceedings furnished by him or her to any party, and shall pay the same over to the sheriff of
 14 the county in which the services were performed, to be by him or her accounted for and paid into
 15 the State Treasury.

16 (b) Full time official reporters may receive salary increases based upon years of service
 17 in such percentages as the court or judge may fix in accordance with the rules of the Supreme
 18 Court of Appeals.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to permit salary increases for full time official court

reporters based upon years of service.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.