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Overview

This bill amends provisions relating to court reporters, including bond requirements, salary setting, transcript charges, fee schedules, and disclosure and reporting requirements.

Section

- 1 Appointment, duties, bond.** Strikes requirement for court reporter to provide a bond upon appointment.
- 2 Reporters' salaries and expenses.** Provides that court reporters' salaries and reimbursed expenses are set by agreement of the court reporter collective bargaining representative and state court administration.
- 3 Charge for transcript.** Strikes language setting the ceiling amount for transcript fees. Provides that the judicial council (rather than the chief judge in each district) may establish new transcript fee ceilings biennially.
- 4 Disclosure; court reporter requirements.** Requires disclosure of court reporter's fee schedule in notice of deposition. Expands requirements that apply to freelance court reporters to also apply to "court reporting firms." Requires equal fees charged to parties.
- 5 Remedies.** Clarifies that a party may notify the court of a violation of the disclosure provisions in subd. 2, paragraph (a) (see sec. 4), and upon the court's determination of a violation, sanctions may be imposed, including civil contempt, costs, and attorneys' fees (as an alternative to reconducting the proceedings).
- 6 Repealer.** Repeals annual reporting requirement for court reporters – accounting of transcript fees charged in the calendar year.

