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Overview

The bill updates court reporter statutes, provides for direct appeal of certain referee orders, and amends provisions relating to perjury and verification of court documents.

Section

- 1** **Commitment papers; duty of court administrator.** Strikes requirement to submit transcript of sentencing proceedings to detention facility.
- 2 & 3** **Account purpose, grants.**
Treatment court fees. Replaces the phrase “drug court” with “treatment court.”
- 4** **Court documents.** Expands the exemption from the notarization requirement to include documents presented in support of a request for a court order, warrant, or other relief. Provides that presenting a document to a judge or judicial officer for signature constitutes verification under oath.
- 5** **Referee duties.** Requires a direct appeal to the Court of Appeals for review of referee orders in probate and civil commitment proceedings.
- 6** **Expedited child support process.** Moves language on expedited child support hearings reported through electronic recording equipment.
- 7** **Appointment, duties, bond; substitutes.** Strikes outdated court reporter provisions, including bond and oath requirements and employment provisions applying to temp reporters.

Section

- 8** **Record.** Replaces “stenographer” with “court reporter.”
- 9** **Salaries.** Strikes outdated salary provisions that are now contained in the judicial branch personnel policies and collective bargaining agreements.
- 10** **Charge for transcript.** Strikes the old statutory rate that may be charged for a transcript and replaces it with a current reference to the rate set by the chief justice.
- 11** **Venue.** Adds a venue provision in the perjury statute. Provides that a violation relating to false statements in court documents may be prosecuted where the statement was signed or filed.
- 12** **Temporary restraining order; relief by court.** Changes the requirement that a request for a temporary restraining order hearing be made within 45 days after the temporary order is issued to within 20 days of the date of completed service of the petition for a hearing.
- 13** **Repealer.** Repeals:
- 484.72 – Electronic recordings of court proceedings authorization and guidelines.
 - 486.05, subd. 1a – Court reporter reimbursement provisions which allow court reporters to be reimbursed for travelling expenses when absent from the home chambers where the judge the reporter serves is assigned.
 - 525.112 – Hennepin County court reporter salary provisions, last updated in 1941, which permit an annual salary of \$3,000 for a court reporter.