

1-1 By: Paxton (Senate Sponsor - Harris) H.B. No. 1518  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 26, 2007;  
1-3 March 29, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on  
1-4 Jurisprudence; April 19, 2007, reported favorably by the following  
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1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to circumstances under which court reporting firms,  
1-9 shorthand reporting firms, and affiliate offices are considered to  
1-10 provide services in this state.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 52.001, Government Code, is amended to  
1-13 read as follows:

1-14 Sec. 52.001. DEFINITIONS. (a) In this chapter:

1-15 (1) "Board" means the Court Reporters Certification  
1-16 Board.

1-17 (2) "Certification" means a certification issued by  
1-18 the state supreme court on the board's recommendation.

1-19 (2-a) "Director" means the administrative director of  
1-20 the board's employees.

1-21 (3) "Official court reporter" means the shorthand  
1-22 reporter appointed by a judge as the official court reporter.

1-23 (4) "Shorthand reporter" and "court reporter" mean a  
1-24 person who engages in shorthand reporting.

1-25 (5) "Shorthand reporting" and "court reporting" mean  
1-26 the practice of shorthand reporting for use in litigation in the  
1-27 courts of this state by making a verbatim record of an oral court  
1-28 proceeding, deposition, or proceeding before a grand jury, referee,  
1-29 or court commissioner using written symbols in shorthand, machine  
1-30 shorthand, or oral stenography.

1-31 (6) "Shorthand reporting firm," "court reporting  
1-32 firm," and "affiliate office" mean an entity wholly or partly in the  
1-33 business of providing court reporting or other related services in  
1-34 this state.

1-35 (7) "Registration" means a registration issued by the  
1-36 board.

1-37 (b) For purposes of Subsection (a)(6), a court reporting  
1-38 firm, shorthand reporting firm, or affiliate office is considered  
1-39 to be providing court reporting or other related services in this  
1-40 state if:

1-41 (1) any act that constitutes a court reporting service  
1-42 or shorthand reporting service occurs wholly or partly in this  
1-43 state;

1-44 (2) the firm or office recruits a resident of this  
1-45 state through an intermediary located inside or outside of this  
1-46 state to provide court reporting services, shorthand reporting  
1-47 services, or other related services in this state; or

1-48 (3) the firm or office contracts with a resident of  
1-49 this state by mail or otherwise and either party is to perform court  
1-50 reporting services, shorthand reporting services, or other related  
1-51 services wholly or partly in this state.

1-52 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.

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