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H.B. No. 4032

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to annual limitations on the reimbursement of expenses
3 incurred by district court reporters.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 52.055, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as
7 follows:

8 (d) The expenses reimbursed under this section are subject
9 to annual limitations based on the size of the judicial district.
10 Except as provided by Subsection (d-1), a [A] court reporter may not
11 receive more than the maximum reimbursement amount set for the
12 reporter's judicial district in any one year. The maximum
13 reimbursement amount is as follows:

14 (1) if the judicial district contains two counties,
15 the maximum reimbursement amount is \$400;

16 (2) if the judicial district contains three counties,
17 the maximum reimbursement amount is \$800;

18 (3) if the judicial district contains four counties,
19 the maximum reimbursement amount is \$1,400; and

20 (4) if the judicial district contains five or more
21 counties, the maximum reimbursement amount is \$2,000.

22 (d-1) For expenses that exceed the annual maximum
23 reimbursement amount set for a court reporter's judicial district
24 under Subsection (d), the reporter may receive reimbursement from

1 the county for which the expenses were incurred on approval of the
2 commissioners court of the county.

3 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to
4 expenses incurred by a court reporter on or after the effective date
5 of this Act. Expenses incurred before the effective date of this
6 Act are governed by the law in effect on the date the expenses were
7 incurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that
8 purpose.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.