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# Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

WHEREAS, the Forty-first Legislature at its First Called Session passed Senate Bill No. 133, being "AN ACT fixing the salary of official shorthand reporters of all Judicial Districts in any county which alone constitutes one judicial district, and of all judicial districts composed of two or more counties, in addition to transcript fees which such reporters receive under the law; providing for payment of such salaries; and providing that certain portions of Section 8, Chapter 202, of the General Laws of the 39th Legislature, 1925, and Articles 2323, 2324, and 2326, of Chapter 3, Title 42, Revised Civil Statute shall not be construed as being repealed by this Act; and declaring an emergency"; and,

WHEREAS, said Bill has been vetoed for the reasons set out in the following statement, which has been filed with said Bill in the office of the Secretary of State:

The attached Bill, being Senate Bill No. 133, "AN ACT fixing the salary of official shorthand reporters of all Judicial Districts in any county which alone constitutes one judicial district, and of all judicial districts composed of two or more counties, in addition to transcript fees which such reporters receive under the law; providing for payment of such salaries; and providing that certain portions of Section 8, Chapter 202, of the General Laws of the 39th Legislature, 1925, and Articles 2323, 2324 and 2326, of Chapter 3, Title 42, Revised Civil Statute shall not be construed as being repealed by this Act; and declaring an emergency", is hereby vetoed.


This Bill in substance provides that official shorthand reporters in all judicial districts composed of one county, and all such reporters in judicial districts composed of two or more counties, shall receive a salary of not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per annum, to be paid monthly by the Commissioners' Courts of the respective counties, upon the certificate of the District Judge, out of the general revenue fund of the county, in addition to the fees now allowed such reporters for the preparation of transcripts of the evidence in cases reported by them.

At the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature a Bill was passed providing for the payment of the traveling expenses of official shorthand reporters while engaged in the discharge of their duties. In substance this Bill allows a maximum of expense in the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each county in the judicial district in which the reporter is engaged, it being provided, however, that no maximum shall exceed six hundred dollars (\$600.00) per annum.

Under the terms of Senate Bill No. 133, it would be possible for the Commissioners' Courts of this state to raise the salary of the court reporters in all districts covered by the Bill to a maximum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per year. There are approximately eighty or ninety judicial districts to which this Bill is applicable, and if the salary of the reporters in each of such districts is raised to the maximum, that is, from two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,100.00) per annum to three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per annum, the expense

to the counties of this State would amount to between seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000.00) and eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) annually. I do not believe any such increase in salaries or expense is justified, and I further feel that since a law has been passed allowing these reporters reimbursement for expenses incurred, <sup>the large increase in salary comes within this bill</sup> that ~~more~~ should not be asked at this time. It is to be remembered that the reporter's income is not limited to the amount of salary he is paid, but in addition thereto he receives fees for transcripts of evidence prepared by him. The salary of court reporters in counties comprising more than one judicial district was changed by an Act of the Forty-first Legislature. This Act fixed the maximum of the salary of such reporter at three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) per annum. It is to be remembered that that Bill affected only counties in which there was more than one district court, and therefore, more than one court reporter. Before signing the Bill statements were made to me which convinced me that the income of reporters in the class of districts covered by that Bill was less than the income of court reporters in the class of districts covered by Senate Bill No. 133.

For the reasons stated the Bill is hereby vetoed.

  
Governor of Texas

NOW, THEREFORE, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT I, DAN MOODY,  
Governor of the State of Texas, under and by virtue of the authority vested  
in me by the Constitution and Laws of this State, have vetoed said Bill for  
the reasons stated and on file, and do hereby proclaim said action to have  
been taken.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto signed my name officially  
and caused the seal of State to be  
impressed hereon at Austin, Texas,  
this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June,  
A. D. 1929.

Dan Moody  
Governor of Texas

BY THE GOVERNOR:

James H. McCallum  
Secretary of State