

CHAPTER 30

AN ACT concerning transcript fees and preparation and amending N.J.S.2B:7-4.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. N.J.S.2B:7-4 is amended to read as follows:

Transcript; fees.

2B:7-4. Transcript; Fees. a. When a transcript of a stenographic record or other recording in any court or in any other proceeding recorded at the direction of the Supreme Court is made, at the request of any person, the original and copies thereof shall be prepared in the manner prescribed by the Rules of Court of the State of New Jersey and the standards fixed by the Administrative Director of the Courts and paid for at the rate of \$3.00 for each page of an original standard delivery transcript and \$0.50 for each of the copies thereof. If the transcript is furnished to a judge of the court, by court order, the reporter shall be paid at the same rates, and in the same manner and from the same sources as the reporter's salary or per diem fees are paid.

b. Beginning on the first day of July 2005, and on the first day of each fifth July thereafter, the rates and fees set forth in subsection a. of this section shall be increased to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as follows: the foregoing fees and rates shall be multiplied by a fraction, the denominator of which shall be the CPI for March 2000 and the numerator of which shall be the CPI for the March immediately preceding the applicable July 1.

For the purposes of this subsection, "CPI" shall mean that table in the Consumer Price Index published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, now known as the "Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, All Items, New York-Northern New Jersey (index: 1982-1984 equals 100)." If this CPI shall be discontinued, then the Administrative Director of the Courts shall designate any successor Consumer Price Index of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics, or any successor agency thereto, for the New York-Northern New Jersey area.

c. Except as to transcripts that are to be paid for by the State or county, the person preparing the transcripts may require any person requesting a transcript to prepay the estimated fee therefor in advance of delivery of the transcript.

d. The Supreme Court may adopt Rules of Court and the Administrative Director of the Courts may issue directives to implement the purposes of this act.

2. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after enactment.

Approved June 23, 2000.