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DIVISION 3. PROFESSIONS AND VOCATIONS GENERALLY [5000 - 9998.11] (*Heading of Division 3 added by Stats. 1939, Ch. 30.)*

CHAPTER 13. Shorthand Reporters [8000 - 8051] (*Chapter 13 added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 191.)*

ARTICLE 1. Administration [8000 - 8011] (*Article 1 added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 191.)*

8000. (a) There is in the Department of Consumer Affairs a Court Reporters Board of California, which consists of five members, three of whom shall be public members and two of whom shall be holders of certificates issued under this chapter who have been actively engaged as shorthand reporters within this state for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2029, and as of that date is repealed.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, repeal of this section renders the board subject to review by the appropriate policy committees of the Legislature.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 587, Sec. 1. (AB 3252) Effective January 1, 2025. Repealed as of January 1, 2029, by its own provisions.)

8001. (a) Appointment as a member of the board shall be for a term of four years. Members of the board shall hold office until the appointment and qualification of their successors or until one year shall have elapsed since the expiration of the term for which they were appointed, whichever first occurs. No person shall serve as a member of the board for more than two consecutive terms except as provided in Section 131. Vacancies occurring shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term.

(b) The Governor shall appoint one of the public members and the two certified members qualified as provided in Section 8000. The Senate Rules Committee and the Speaker of the Assembly shall each appoint a public member.

(c) Members of the board may be removed from office by their appointing authority.

(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 463, Sec. 2. (AB 1520) Effective January 1, 2020.)

8002. Each member of the board shall receive a per diem and expenses as provided in Section 103.

(Repealed and added by Stats. 1959, Ch. 1645.)

8003. At each yearly meeting, a chair and vice chair shall be elected from the membership of the board. Three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The board shall keep a complete record of all its proceedings and all certificates issued, renewed, or revoked, together with a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements.

(Amended by Stats. 2019, Ch. 463, Sec. 3. (AB 1520) Effective January 1, 2020.)

8004. The expenses of the members of the board and the expenses of the board that are necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter shall be paid from the fees collected under this chapter and such expenses shall not exceed the amount so collected.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 191.)

8005. (a) The Court Reporters Board of California is charged with the executive functions necessary for effectuating the purposes of this chapter. It may appoint committees as it deems necessary or proper. The board may appoint, prescribe the duties, and fix the salary of an executive officer. Except as provided by Section 159.5, the board may also employ other employees as may be necessary, subject to civil service and other law.

(b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2029, and as of that date is repealed.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 587, Sec. 2. (AB 3252) Effective January 1, 2025. Repealed as of January 1, 2029, by its own provisions.)

8005.1. Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the Court Reporters Board of California in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount.

(Added by Stats. 2002, Ch. 107, Sec. 33. Effective January 1, 2003.)

8007. The board shall:

- (a) Determine the qualifications of persons applying for certificates under this chapter.
- (b) Make rules for the examination of applicants and the issuing of certificates provided for in this chapter.
- (c) Grant certificates to such applicants as may, upon examination, be qualified in professional shorthand reporting and in such other subjects as the board may deem advisable.
- (d) Adopt, amend, or repeal rules and regulations which are reasonably necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Amended by Stats. 1979, Ch. 608.)

8008. The board has the following powers and duties:

- (a) To adopt a seal.
- (b) By affirmative vote of at least three members of the board, to suspend, revoke, or impose any other disciplinary action against a certificate for any cause specified in this chapter.
- (c) To charge and collect all fees as provided for in this chapter.
- (d) To require the renewal of all certificates.
- (e) To issue subpoenas, to administer oaths, and to take testimony concerning any matter within the jurisdiction of the board.
- (f) To investigate the actions of any licensee, upon receipt of a verified complaint in writing from any person, for alleged acts or omissions constituting grounds for disciplinary action under the chapter.
- (g) To administer the Transcript Reimbursement Fund described in Section 8030.2.

(Amended by Stats. 2002, Ch. 664, Sec. 18. Effective January 1, 2003.)

8009. Disciplinary proceedings under this chapter shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code and the board shall have all the powers granted therein.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 191.)

8010. Information regarding a complaint against a specific licensee may not be disclosed to the public until an accusation has been filed by the board and the licensee has been notified of the filing of the accusation against his or her license and the disciplinary proceedings to be conducted in accordance with Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 11500) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. This section does not apply to citations, fines, letters of reprimand, or orders of abatement, which shall be disclosed to the public upon notice to the licensee.

(Amended by Stats. 2005, Ch. 658, Sec. 30. Effective January 1, 2006.)

8011. The board shall promulgate, by regulation, a definition of a "full-time student" for the purposes of this chapter.

(Added by Stats. 2001, Ch. 615, Sec. 11. Effective October 9, 2001.)