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TITLE 8. THE ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT OF COURTS [68070 - 77655] (Title 8 added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

CHAPTER 5. The Superior Courts [69504 - 70141.11] (Chapter 5 added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

ARTICLE 11. Official Reporters and Fees in Particular Counties [70040 - 70064] (Article 11 added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

[70040.](#) Unless otherwise specifically provided, the determination of whether a county has the population prescribed in this article shall be made on the basis of the 1950 federal census.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

[70041.](#) Unless otherwise specifically provided, the provisions of this article apply in each county described as follows:

(a) A county with a population of 70,000 or less, as determined by the 1940 federal census, and having two or more superior court judges.

(b) A county with a population of 280,000 and under 285,000.

(c) A county with a population of over 295,000 and under 500,000.

(d) A county with a population of 500,000 and under 700,000.

(e) A county with a population of 700,000 or over.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

[70041.1.](#) Unless otherwise specifically provided the provisions of this article apply in a county with a population of 290,000 or more and under 295,000.

(Added by Stats. 1955, Ch. 421.)

[70041.5.](#) Unless otherwise specifically provided, the provisions of this article apply to a county with a population of over 45,000 and under 46,750, as determined on the basis of the 1950 federal census.

(Added by Stats. 1955, Ch. 1423.)

[70042.](#) The provisions of this article are applicable in a county described in subdivisions (a) and (c) of Section 70041 only if the board of supervisors of such county by resolution adopts the procedure for the appointment and compensation of official phonographic reporters provided for in this article.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

[70043.](#) To assist the court in the transaction of its judicial business by having the duties of phonographic reporters performed, a majority of the judges of the superior court of the county may appoint as many regular official phonographic reporters as necessary to report the proceedings in the court and to perform such duties. The number of reporters so appointed shall not exceed at any one time the number of offices of judge provided by law for the court. The reporters shall hold office during the pleasure of a majority of the judges of the court. The number of reporters and compensation of reporters in counties over 2,000,000 population shall be as provided in Section 69894.1. The number of official reporters in a county of the 2nd class as provided in Section 28023 shall be but shall not exceed at any one time the total number of judges provided by law for the court and the number of referees appointed pursuant to Section 553 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

(Amended by Stats. 1968, Ch. 856.)

[70044.](#) (a) When needed in order that the judicial business of the superior court in the county may be diligently carried on and a particular matter may proceed to trial or hearing without delay, a pro tempore official reporter may be appointed to perform the duties

of a phonographic reporter in that matter, or until a regular official reporter becomes available for that service. A pro tempore official reporter who is present in the courtroom providing that service may be appointed by the presiding judge of the court or the judge presiding in the department where the reporter will serve. If the appointment is made for service in a contested matter, it shall be made only pursuant to a written stipulation of the parties appearing at the trial or hearing or other proceeding to be reported by the pro tempore reporter or pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 68086.

(b) A pro tempore official reporter who is licensed as described in Section 69942, and who has been appointed a pro tempore official reporter by the court pursuant to Section 69941, and is present in the courtroom may serve in any matter without further order of the court or stipulation of the parties.

(Amended by Stats. 2018, Ch. 497, Sec. 2. (AB 2664) Effective January 1, 2019.)

70044.1. In any county having a population of over 250,000 and under 277,000, as determined by the 1950 federal census, the fee for reporting testimony and proceedings in contested cases is thirty-five dollars (\$35) a day, and the fee for reporting each default or uncontested action or proceeding is seven dollars (\$7).

The official reporter shall report to the court when ordered to do so by any judge of the court, and when not ordered to so report, the reporter may be employed in his professional capacity elsewhere.

(Added by Stats. 1961, Ch. 105.)

70044.5. In San Mateo County, official reporters shall be appointed by the judges of the consolidated superior and municipal courts pursuant to the provisions of Section 70043 or 72194 and shall serve at the pleasure of the judges.

(a) The biweekly salary of each regular official reporter for the performance of duties required of each such reporter by law shall be at the rates specified in salary range number 3007 of the salary schedule set forth in Section 73525.

At the time each reporter is hired, the salary of that reporter shall be fixed in the same manner as provided for classified or unclassified employees of the county under the authority of the county charter. A step advancement from step A to step B may be granted on the first day of the pay period following the completion of 26 full weeks of service in the position. A person may advance to steps C, D, and E upon completion of successive 52-week periods of service. All merit increases as provided herein shall be made at the determination of the judges of the court.

In addition to new employees, the salaries herein provided for shall be applicable to regular official reporters employed by the county on the effective date of this section and for the purpose of determining the salaries to be paid after this section becomes effective, all years of service rendered by reporters to the county prior to the effective date of this section shall be counted in determining the salary to which they are entitled under the salary schedule above mentioned.

The per diem compensation for pro tempore reporters shall be one-tenth of step E in the appropriate biweekly salary range established for official reporters, provided, however, that that rate of per diem compensation shall be prorated on the basis of one-half day of compensation if the pro tempore reporter renders only one-half day of service.

Vacation allowances and sick leave allowances for official reporters shall be the same as provided for classified or unclassified employees of the county under the authority of the county charter.

(b) If the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County provides by ordinance or by agreement pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 3500) of Division 4 of Title 1, for a rate of compensation which is higher than that provided by subdivision (a), the higher rate of compensation shall be effective at the same time and in the same manner as other rates of pay for San Mateo County employees generally. Those higher rates shall be payable by the county in the same manner and from the same funds as other salary demands against the county. Any change in compensation made pursuant to this subdivision shall be on an interim basis and shall expire on January 1 after the adjournment of the next regular session of the Legislature unless ratified or superseded by a statute enacted at the session.

(c) During the hours which the court is open for the transaction of judicial business, official reporters shall devote full time to the performance of the duties required of them by law and shall not engage in or solicit to engage in any other employment in their professional capacity.

Each official reporter shall perform the duties required of him or her by law. In addition, he or she shall render stenographic or clerical assistance, or both, to the judge or judges of the consolidated superior and municipal courts as the judge or judges may direct.

(Amended by Stats. 1998, Ch. 973, Sec. 5. Effective January 1, 1999.)

70045. In a county having a population of 70,000 or less, as determined by the 1940 federal census, and having two or more superior court judges, each regular official reporter shall be paid an annual salary of four thousand two hundred dollars (\$4,200), and each pro tempore official reporter shall be paid fifteen dollars (\$15) a day for the days he actually is on duty under order of the court.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

70045.1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 70045 of this code, in Trinity County, each regular official court reporter shall receive an annual salary of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) unless the board of supervisors shall by ordinance provide for compensation in excess of that amount, payable in monthly installments out of the salary fund of the county, for the reporting and taking notes in criminal cases and juvenile court cases in the superior court, and in preliminary examinations of those accused of crime before magistrates, and of proceedings before the grand jury and at coroner's inquests when requested by the coroner, and for other services such reporters shall receive the fees provided for in Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941) of Chapter 5 of Title 8, such fees in civil cases to be paid by the litigants as provided by law.

Reporters pro tempore may be paid a per diem of seventy-five dollars (\$75) as provided in Section 69948 and other fees set forth in Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941) of Chapter 5 of Title 8, and shall receive from the county their necessary traveling and other expenses when necessarily called from other counties, but a reporter pro tempore shall be paid a per diem or expenses by the county only when the regular official court reporters are occupied in the superior court, or at preliminary examinations, grand jury hearings or coroner's inquests.

The board of supervisors of such a county may provide the court reporters with equipment for the performance of their duties.

(Amended by Stats. 1979, Ch. 175.)

70045.2. Notwithstanding Section 70045, in Modoc County each regular official court reporter shall receive an annual salary to be determined by ordinance by the board of supervisors, payable in monthly installments out of the salary fund of the county, for the reporting and taking notes in criminal cases and juvenile court cases in the superior court, and in preliminary examination of those accused of crime before magistrates, and of proceedings before the grand jury and at coroner's inquests when requested by the coroner.

In Modoc County, reporters pro tempore shall be paid a per diem, as set by law, and shall receive from the county their necessary traveling and other expenses when called from other counties. However, a reporter pro tempore shall be paid a per diem or expenses by the county only when the regular official court reporters are occupied in the superior court, or at preliminary examinations, grand jury hearings, or coroner's inquests.

For all reporter's services in Modoc County in civil cases as set forth in Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941) of Chapter 5 of Title 8, litigants shall pay such fees as are provided by law to the county clerk for deposit in the county general fund.

The Board of Supervisors of Modoc County may provide court reporters with equipment for the performance of their duties.

(Added by Stats. 1987, Ch. 641, Sec. 2. Effective September 15, 1987.)

70045.4. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 70045 or any other provision of this article, in Merced County:

(a) The regular full-time official court reporters shall perform the following duties:

- (1) Report all criminal proceedings in the superior court.
- (2) Report all civil commitment proceedings and all contempt proceedings in the superior court.
- (3) Report all juvenile proceedings in the superior court other than those heard by a juvenile court referee or traffic hearing officer.
- (4) Report all family law proceedings in the superior court.
- (5) Report all civil jury trials in the superior court.
- (6) Report all hearings on petitions for extraordinary relief, including but not limited to proceedings for injunctions, mandate, prohibition, certiorari, review, habeas corpus, and coram nobis in the superior court.
- (7) Report any other court proceedings in the superior court when a party requests a court reporter in accordance with the rules of court.
- (8) Report all criminal proceedings of the grand jury.
- (9) Report proceedings for the board of equalization, when requested by the board.

(b) Each regular full-time court reporter shall be paid an annual salary of sixteen thousand seven hundred thirty-five dollars and ninety-four cents (\$16,735.94), unless the board of supervisors of the county provides for compensation in excess of that amount.

The foregoing salary is for compensation for reporting services under subdivision (a). For all transcriptions incident to reporting services, each reporter shall receive the fees provided for in Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941).

The regular full-time official court reporters shall be entitled to the same privileges with respect to group insurance and retirement as other employees of that county. Retirement contributions shall be based upon the annual salary provided for in subdivision (b).

The salary range of official court reporters may be adjusted by joint action and approval of the board of supervisors and a majority of the judges of the superior court. Those changes in compensation made pursuant to this provision shall be on an interim basis and shall expire January 1 following adjournment of the next regular session of the Legislature unless ratified at that session.

(c) When the regular full-time official court reporters are occupied in the performance of their duties and services pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (a), the judge or judges of the superior court may appoint as many additional official court reporters, who shall be known as official reporters pro tempore, as the business of the courts and county may require, in order that the business of the courts and county may be carried on without delay. They shall be paid in accordance with the per diem, transcription, and other fee provisions of Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941). That per diem, traveling and other expenses, and the fees chargeable to the county under the terms of these provisions shall be a proper county charge.

(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 696, Sec. 40. Effective September 15, 1992.)

70045.5. In a county with a population of 74,492 and not over 76,000 as determined by the 1970 federal census, each regular official reporter shall be paid an annual salary of twenty-one thousand seven hundred dollars (\$21,700) and each pro tempore official court reporter shall be paid seventy dollars (\$70) a day for the days he is actually on duty under order of the court.

Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, one year after the operative date of this section and thereafter, the salary range of official court reporters may be adjusted by joint action and approval of the board of supervisors and a majority of the judges of the superior court. Such changes in compensation made pursuant to these provisions shall be on an interim basis and shall expire on January 1 of the second year after the calendar year in which the change occurs, unless ratified by the Legislature.

The presiding judge of the superior court may, upon request of the presiding judge of the municipal court, assign an official superior court reporter to the municipal court during such times as the business of the municipal court requires. Official superior court reporters who are so assigned shall receive no additional compensation for such service.

Regular official reporters shall be entitled to the same privileges with respect to retirement, vacation, sick leave and other benefits allowed to employees of the county.

Each official reporter shall perform the duties required of him by law. In addition, reporters shall render stenographic or clerical assistance, or both, to the judges of the superior court, as any such judge may direct.

(Amended by Stats. 1980, Ch. 160.)

70045.6. (a) In Kern County each regular reporter shall be paid the biweekly salary specified in range 52.4 of the salary schedule. The court reporter shall be paid biweekly pursuant to the payroll procedures in effect in the County of Kern.

(b) Beginning January 1, 1980, the board of supervisors may adjust the salary of each regular official reporter as part of its county employee compensation plan. Any adjustment to reporter salaries shall be effective on the same date as the effective date of the board's action to adjust compensation of other county employees. Any adjustment shall be effective only until January 1 of the second year following the year in which the adjustment is made, unless ratified by the Legislature.

(c) In addition to the compensation provided for in this section, each regular official reporter shall be entitled to and shall receive, on the same basis as other county employees, the same benefits and privileges with respect to retirement, group insurance, sick leave, and vacations. Court reporters shall observe the same holidays as other court employees. For the purposes of determining participation in the county retirement system, the salary provided for such reporters in this section shall be deemed their entire compensation.

(d) Each pro tempore official reporter shall be paid one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) a day for the days he or she is actually on duty under order of the court.

(Amended by Stats. 1991, Ch. 716, Sec. 4.)

70045.7. In Napa County, each regular official reporter shall be paid an annual salary of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000), and each pro tempore official reporter shall be paid one hundred ten dollars (\$110) a day for the days he actually is on duty under order of the court. However, the board of supervisors, by ordinance, may establish a higher annual salary for each regular official reporter or a higher per diem for each pro tempore official reporter, or both.

(Amended by Stats. 1987, Ch. 1324, Sec. 1.)

70045.75. Notwithstanding any other provision of law including, but not limited to, Sections 70040, 70041, 70042, and 70045, the following provisions shall be applicable to the full-time official court reporters, if any, in Nevada County:

(a) The regular full-time official court reporters shall perform the following duties:

(1) Report all criminal proceedings.

- (2) Report all civil commitment proceedings and all contempt proceedings.
- (3) Report all juvenile proceedings, other than those heard by a juvenile court referee or traffic hearing officer.
- (4) Report all family law proceedings.
- (5) Report all civil jury trials.
- (6) Report all hearings on petitions for extraordinary relief, including but not limited to, proceedings for injunctions, mandate, prohibition, certiorari review, habeas corpus, and coram nobis.
- (7) Report all proceedings of the grand jury when requested by the foreman, or by the district attorney or by the county counsel.
- (8) Report any other court proceedings when a party requests a court reporter in accordance with rules of the court.
- (9) Report the preliminary examination of those accused of crimes before magistrates within Nevada County. Report coroner's inquests when requested by coroner.

(b) Each regular full-time court reporter shall be paid at a monthly salary rate established according to the following salary schedule:

(Range)		(Month)	(Annual)
Step	A	\$1,271	\$15,246
Step	B	1,334	16,012
Step	C	1,400	16,804
Step	D	1,471	17,648
Step	E	1,546	18,546

Each such reporter shall receive a monthly salary under the schedule corresponding to the length of time that as an official court reporter he has been included within either directly or indirectly by contract the Public Employees' Retirement System of the State of California. Except as provided herein, the initial hiring rate for each position shall be step A; provided further, however, the judges of the superior court may appoint any such court reporter at a higher initial step if in the opinion of the judges of the superior court an individual to be appointed has such experience and qualifications as to entitle that individual to such higher initial step. A step advancement from step A to step B may be granted on the first day of the month following the completion of six full months of service in the position. A person may advance to steps C, D, and E upon completion of successive 12-month periods of service. All merit increases as provided herein shall be made at the determination of the judges of the superior court.

The foregoing salary is for compensation for reporting services in the superior court under subdivision (a) of this section. For all transcriptions incident to reporting services, each reporter shall receive the fees provided for in Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941) of this chapter.

In the event a cost-of-living increase is given to the employees of Nevada County on or after July 1, 1979, the aforementioned salary schedule shall be deemed amended so as to give the court reporters the same cost-of-living increase as is given Nevada County employees.

The regular full-time official court reporters shall be entitled to the same privileges with respect to retirement, vacation, sick leave, and group insurance, which either now or hereafter may be provided by ordinance to other employees of the county.

(c) When the regular full-time official court reporters are occupied in the performance of their duties and services pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (a), the judge or judges of the superior court may appoint as many additional official court reporters, who shall be known as official reporters pro tempore, as the business of the courts may require in order that the judicial business of the court in such county may be carried on without delay. They shall be paid in accordance with the per diem, transcription, and other fee provisions of Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941) of this chapter. Such per diem, traveling and other expenses, and the fees chargeable to the county under the terms of these provisions shall be a proper county charge.

(Amended by Stats. 1980, Ch. 79.)

70045.77. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including, but not limited to, Sections 70040, 70041, 70042, and 70045, the following provisions shall be applicable to the full-time official court reporters, if any, in El Dorado County:

(a) The regular full-time official court reporters shall perform the following duties:

- (1) Report all criminal proceedings.

- (2) Report all civil commitment proceedings and all contempt proceedings.
- (3) Report all juvenile proceedings, other than those heard by a juvenile court referee or traffic hearing officer.
- (4) Report all family law proceedings.
- (5) Report all civil jury trials.
- (6) Report all hearings on petitions for extraordinary relief, including, but not limited to, proceedings for injunctions, mandate, prohibition, certiorari, review, habeas corpus, and coram nobis.
- (7) Report all proceedings of the grand jury when requested by the foreman, or by the district attorney or by the county counsel.
- (8) Report any other court proceedings when a party requests a court reporter in accordance with rules of the court.
- (9) Report the preliminary examination of those accused of crimes before magistrates within El Dorado County.
- (10) Report coroner's inquests when requested by the coroner.
- (11) Report proceedings for the El Dorado County Board of Equalization when requested by the board.

(b) The regular full-time official court reporter shall be compensated at a range recommended by the judges of the superior court and approved by the board of supervisors by ordinance or resolution.

The foregoing salary is for compensation for reporting services in the superior court under subdivision (a) of this section. For all transcriptions incident to reporting services, each reporter shall receive the fees provided for in Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941) of this chapter.

The regular full-time official court reporters shall be entitled to the same privileges with respect to retirement, vacation, sick leave, and group insurance, which either now or hereafter may be provided by ordinance to other employees of the county.

(c) When the regular full-time official court reporters are occupied in the performance of their duties and services pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (a), the judge or judges of the superior court may appoint as many additional official court reporters, who shall be known as official reporters pro tempore, as the business of the courts may require in order that the judicial business of the court in such county may be carried on without delay. They shall be paid in accordance with the per diem, transcription, and other fee provisions of Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941) of this chapter. Such per diem, traveling and other expenses, and the fees chargeable to the county under the terms of these provisions shall be a proper county charge.

(Amended by Stats. 1993, Ch. 1091, Sec. 3. Effective January 1, 1994.)

70045.8. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including, but not limited to, Sections 70040, 70041, 70042, and 70045, the following provisions shall be applicable to the official court reporters in Butte County Superior Court:

(1) The regular full-time official court reporters under the direction of the presiding judge of the superior court shall perform the following duties:

- (A) Report all criminal proceedings.
- (B) Report all civil commitment proceedings and all contempt proceedings.
- (C) Report all juvenile proceedings other than those heard by juvenile court referee or traffic hearing officer.
- (D) Report all civil jury trials.
- (E) Report all hearings on petitions for extraordinary relief, including, but not limited to, proceedings for injunctions, mandate, prohibition, certiorari, review, habeas corpus, and coram nobis.
- (F) Report all proceedings of the grand jury when requested by the foreman, or by the district attorney or by the county counsel.
- (G) Report any other court proceedings when a party requests a court reporter in accordance with rules of court.
- (H) Report coroner's inquests when requested by the coroner.
- (I) Report proceedings for the Butte County Board of Equalization when requested by the board.

(J) When not occupied with the above duties, and upon request of a presiding judge of the municipal court and approval of the presiding judge of the superior court, he or she shall report matters listed under paragraph (1) of subdivision (b).

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including, but not limited to, Sections 70040, 70041, 70042, and 70045, the following provisions shall be applicable to the official court reporters in the Butte County Municipal Courts:

(1) The regular full-time official municipal court reporters under the direction of the presiding judges of the municipal courts shall perform the following duties:

(A) Report the preliminary examination of those accused of crimes before magistrates within Butte County.

(B) Report all felony pleas.

(C) Report any other court proceeding as required by law.

(D) When not occupied with the above duties, and upon request of the presiding judge of the superior court and approval of a presiding judge of the municipal court, he or she shall report matters listed under paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) above.

(c) The board of supervisors shall, by ordinance, specify the salary rates for official court reporters in Butte County.

In addition to the aforementioned compensation, each official court reporter shall receive twenty-five dollars (\$25) per month as reimbursement for the cost of necessary supplies.

The foregoing salary established pursuant to county ordinance is for compensation for reporting services in the superior and municipal courts under subdivisions (a) and (b) of this section. For all transcriptions incident to reporting services, each reporter shall receive the fees provided for in Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941) of this chapter.

The regular full-time official court reporters shall be entitled to the same privileges with respect to retirement, vacation, sick leave, and group insurance, which either now or hereafter may be provided by ordinance to other employees of the county.

(d) When the regular full-time official court reporters are occupied in the performance of their duties and services pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (b), the judge or judges of the superior and municipal courts may appoint as many additional official court reporters, who shall be known as official reporters pro tempore, as the business of the courts may require in order that the judicial business of the courts in the county may be carried on without delay. They shall be paid in accordance with the per diem, transcription, and other fee provisions of Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941) of this chapter. The per diem, traveling and other expenses, and the fees chargeable to the county under the terms of these provisions shall be a proper county charge.

(Amended by Stats. 1990, Ch. 1585, Sec. 2.)

70045.9. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of this section shall apply to the official court reporters in Shasta County:

(a) The regular full-time official court reporters shall perform the following duties:

(1) Report all criminal proceedings in superior court.

(2) Report all juvenile proceedings other than those heard by juvenile court referee or traffic hearing officer.

(3) Report all civil jury trials in superior court, unless the court determines it is not required.

(4) Report any other proceeding in the superior court at the request of the judge of the superior court.

(5) Report any superior court proceeding when a party requests a court reporter in accordance with the rules of court.

(6) Report all criminal investigations of the grand jury, when requested by the foreman, or by the district attorney.

(7) Report the preliminary examination of those accused of crime before magistrates or municipal court judges within Shasta County, or before both.

(8) Report coroner's inquests, when requested by the coroner.

(9) Report hearings of the Board of Equalization of the County of Shasta, as requested by that board.

(10) Other reporting or related services, as directed by the judges of the superior court.

(11) When not occupied with the above duties, and upon request of the board of supervisors and approval of the presiding judge of the superior court, he or she shall report matters before the board of supervisors.

(b) Each regular full-time court reporter shall be paid a monthly salary of one thousand four hundred seventy dollars (\$1,470), unless the Board of Supervisors of Shasta County provides for compensation in excess of that amount, in which event the amount set shall apply. The salary is for compensation for reporting services set forth under subdivision (a). For all transcriptions incident to reporting services, each reporter shall receive the fees provided for in Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941).

The regular full-time official court reporters shall be entitled to the same privileges with respect to retirement, vacation (upon approval of judge to whom assigned), sick leave, and group insurance, which either now or hereafter may be provided by ordinance or resolution to other comparable employees of the County of Shasta.

(c) When the regular full-time official court reporters are occupied in the performance of their duties and services pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (a), the judge or judges of the superior court may appoint as many additional official court reporters, who shall be known as official reporters pro tempore, as the business of the courts may require in order that the judicial business of the court may be carried on without delay. In the event the board of supervisors has entered into a contract for supplemental reporter services with a qualified person or persons first approved by the presiding judge of the superior court, the person or persons shall be appointed as reporter pro tempore. However, if the person or persons are not reasonably available, the judge may appoint any qualified person. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, when an assignment of a pro tempore reporter is made to proceedings in the superior court, the assignment shall be deemed to run to the completion of the proceeding.

Reporters pro tempore shall be paid in accordance with the contract with the board of supervisors or, in absence thereof, with the per diem, transcription, and other fee provisions of Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941). Such per diem, traveling and other expenses, and the fees chargeable to the county under the terms of these provisions shall be a proper county charge.

(d) During the hours during which the court is open as prescribed by the Shasta County Superior Court for the transaction of judicial business, official court reporters shall devote full time to the performance of the duties required of them by law and shall not engage or solicit to engage in any other employment in their professional capacity.

(e) Court reporters pro tempore serving in the superior and municipal courts shall receive a per diem equal to the base wage of the official court reporter for an eight-hour day, excluding benefits. This fee shall be adjusted by the same, general across-the-board salary adjustment enacted by the county in any salary ordinance applicable to official court reporters. For services of less than four hours in any day, the pro tempore reporter will receive a per diem equal to 65 percent of the base wage.

(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 696, Sec. 41. Effective September 15, 1992.)

70045.10. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of this section shall apply to the official court reporters in Tehama County.

(a) The regular full-time official court reporters shall perform the following duties:

(1) Report all criminal proceedings in superior court.

(2) Report all juvenile proceedings other than those heard by the juvenile court referee or traffic hearing officer.

(3) Report all civil jury trials in superior court, unless the court determines it is not required.

(4) Report any other proceeding in the superior court at the request of the judge of the superior court.

(5) Report any superior court proceeding when a party requests a court reporter in accordance with the rules of court.

(6) Report all criminal investigations of the grand jury, when requested by the foreman or the district attorney.

(7) Report the preliminary examination of those accused of crime before magistrates or municipal court judges within Tehama County, or both.

(8) Report coroner's inquests, when requested by the coroner.

(9) Report hearings of the Board of Equalization of the County of Tehama, as requested by that board.

(10) Other reporting or related services, as directed by the judges of the superior court.

(11) When not occupied with the above duties, and upon request of the board of supervisors and approval of the presiding judge of the superior court, they shall report matters before the board of supervisors.

(12) Such other duties as are required to insure the provision of court reporter services.

(b) Each regular full-time court reporter shall be paid a monthly salary of two thousand two hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$2,267), unless the Board of Supervisors of Tehama County, by ordinance, provides for compensation in excess of that amount, in which event the compensation set by ordinance shall apply. The salary is for compensation for reporting services set forth under subdivision (a). For all transcriptions incident to reporting services, each reporter shall receive the fees provided for in Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941).

The regular, full-time official court reporters shall be entitled the same privileges with respect to retirement, vacation (upon approval of judge to whom assigned), sick leave, and group insurance, which either is now, or hereafter may be, provided by ordinance to other comparable employees of the County of Tehama.

For retirement credit purposes, compensation earnable shall be deemed to be the annual total of all salary and transcription fees paid by the County of Tehama to each regular official reporter up to a maximum of thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000).

(c) When the regular full-time official court reporters are occupied in the performance of their duties and services pursuant to the provisions of subdivision (a), the judge or judges of the superior court may appoint as many additional official court reporters, who shall be known as official reporters pro tempore, as the business of the court may be carried on without delay. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, when an assignment of a pro tempore reporter is made to proceedings in the superior court, the assignment shall be deemed to run to the completion of the proceeding.

Reporters pro tempore shall be paid in accordance with the rate of compensation as set by the board of supervisors. For all transcriptions incident to reporting services, each reporter shall receive the fees provided for in Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941). The per diem, traveling and other expenses, and the fees chargeable to the county under the terms of these provisions shall be a proper county charge.

(d) During the hours during which the court is open, as prescribed by the Tehama County Superior Court for the transaction of judicial business, official court reporters shall devote full time to the performance of the duties required of them by law and shall not engage, or solicit to engage, in any other employment in their professional capacity unless otherwise excused by a judge of the superior court.

If the official court reporter or a pro tempore reporter serves past 5:30 p.m., he or she shall receive an additional fee equal to one-half the per diem rate established by the board of supervisors. If the official court reporter or a pro tempore reporter serves past 8:30 p.m., he or she shall receive a second additional fee equal to one-half the per diem rate. Accumulation of hours in a given day shall be without regard as to the number of courts in which the reporter provides reporting service.

In order that the salary provided for regular full-time official court reporters shall remain equitable and competitive, the salary herein provided for shall be adjusted and increased by the same salary adjustment percentage for the classification entitled the superior court clerk enacted on or before July 1, 1985, by the County of Tehama.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 1374, Sec. 2. Effective October 1, 1985.)

70045.11. In lieu of the compensation provided for in Section 69948, the Board of Supervisors of Sutter County may, with the approval of the presiding judge of the superior court, contract with official court reporters, and reporters pro tempore, for the superior court with respect to the fee for reporting testimony and proceedings in contested cases, per diem, and traveling and other expenses, which shall be a proper county charge.

(Added by Stats. 1988, Ch. 3, Sec. 2. Effective January 26, 1988.)

70045.12. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following provisions shall be applicable to the official court reporters in the superior court and municipal courts of Madera County:

(a) In Madera County, official court reporters shall be appointed by the judges of the superior court pursuant to Section 70043 and shall serve at the pleasure of the judges. Official reporters shall perform the duties required of them by law. In addition, they shall render assistance to the judge or judges of the superior court as the judge or judges may direct.

(b) In Madera County, official court reporters shall be appointed by the judges of the municipal court pursuant to Section 72194 and shall serve at the pleasure of the judges. Official reporters shall perform the duties required of them by law. In addition, they shall render assistance to the judge or judges of the municipal court as the judge or judges may direct.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the salary and benefits for official court reporters in Madera County shall be determined pursuant to Section 69908.

(d) When the regular full-time official court reporters are occupied in the performance of their duties and services pursuant to this statute, the judge or judges of the superior court and the municipal court may appoint as many additional official court reporters, who shall be known as official reporters pro tempore, as the business of the courts may require in order that the judicial business of the courts in the county may be carried on without delay. They shall be paid in accordance with the per diem, transcription, and other fee provisions of Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941) of this chapter. The per diem, traveling, and other expenses, and the fees chargeable to the county under the terms of these provisions are a proper county charge.

(e) Official court reporters shall devote full time to the performance of the duties required of them by law and may not engage or solicit to engage in any other employment in their professional capacity during the normal workday.

(Added by Stats. 1990, Ch. 1585, Sec. 3.)

70046. In San Bernardino County, the board of supervisors shall fix the salary of regular official reporters, which shall not be less than an annual salary of twenty thousand two hundred ten dollars (\$20,210) and the compensation of official reporters pro tempore, which shall be at a rate not less than seventy-five dollars and twenty-five cents (\$75.25) a day.

During the hours which the court is open for the transaction of judicial business, official reporters shall devote full time to the performance of the duties required of them by law and shall not engage in or solicit to engage in any other employment in their professional capacity.

(Amended by Stats. 1976, Ch. 1443.)

70046.1. In Santa Clara County, the board of supervisors shall fix the salary of regular official reporters, which shall not be less than a biweekly salary of one thousand seven hundred eighty-four dollars and forty cents (\$1,784.40), and the compensation of official reporters pro tempore, which shall be at a rate not less than ninety-eight dollars and fourteen cents (\$98.14) per half day and one hundred ninety-six dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$196.28) per day.

During the hours that the court is open for the transaction of judicial business, official reporters shall devote full time to the performance of the duties required of them by law and shall not engage in or solicit to engage in any other employment in their professional capacity.

(Amended by Stats. 1991, Ch. 716, Sec. 5.)

70046.2. (a) In Fresno County, the compensation of each regular official court reporter shall be determined through the collective bargaining process.

(b) For the purposes of retirement, the compensation of each regular official court reporter shall be deemed to be the total of all per diem and transcription fees paid by the county or court to that regular official court reporter for all reporting services, plus his or her salary.

(Added by Stats. 2006, Ch. 846, Sec. 7. Effective September 30, 2006.)

70046.4. (a) In Lake County, the official phonographic reporters shall perform the following duties:

(1) Report all proceedings before the superior court.

(2) Report all the proceedings of the grand jury.

(3) Act as the secretary of, and render stenographic and clerical assistance to, the judge of the department to which they are assigned by the presiding judge.

(4) Any other duties assigned by the board of supervisors upon the request of a judge of the superior court.

The official phonographic reporters of such county shall receive a salary recommended by the superior court and approved by the board of supervisors. Such salary is for compensation for reporting services in the superior court under subdivision (a) of this section. For all transcriptions incident to reporting services, each reporter shall receive the fees provided for in Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941) of this chapter. Such fees shall be paid to the County of Lake when the conditions of the official phonographic reporter's employment so provide.

Any appointee to an official reporter position shall be compensated at the first step and advance to each higher step upon completion of each year of service. Upon the recommendation of the superior court and approval of the board of supervisors, official reporters may be employed at or may be granted a special step increase to any step within the salary range on the basis of experience or qualifications.

(b) The compensation for each official reporter pro tempore shall be the equivalent of the daily wage of the first step in the salary range for full-time official reporters for each day he actually is on duty under order of the court.

(c) In addition to the compensation provided in this article, each full-time reporter of the superior court shall be entitled to, and shall receive, the same vacation, sick leave, and similar privileges and benefits as are now, or may hereafter be provided for the employees of the County of Lake including the right to participate in any group, accident, health or life insurance plan adopted by the board of supervisors of the county.

(d) Until such time as the salaries of full-time official reporters and official reporters pro tempore are approved by the board of supervisors pursuant to subdivision (a), such reporters shall receive the salaries in effect immediately prior to the effective date of

this section enacted by the Legislature at its 1977–78 Regular Session.

(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 696, Sec. 43. Effective September 15, 1992.)

70047. (a) In Contra Costa County, the annual salary of each regular official reporter shall be based on a four-step salary plan as established by joint action and approval of the board of supervisors and a majority of the judges of the court. The step of entry shall be step one. However, the judges of the court may appoint any such reporter to a duly allocated exempt position at a higher step if, in the opinion of the appointing judge, an individual to be appointed has the experience and qualifications to entitle that individual to a higher initial step, but in no case may the initial salary be above the third step of the salary range. Official reporters shall advance to the next higher step on the salary plan annually, upon affirmative approval of the appointing authority. The compensation of each official reporter pro tempore shall be an amount which is equivalent to 1.05 times the daily wage of the fourth step in the salary range for full-time official reporters in Contra Costa County for each day the reporter is on duty under order of the court. Additional official reporters pro tempore may also be appointed on a half-day basis as the business of the court requires. Those reporters shall be compensated at a rate which is 55 percent of the daily wage of an official reporter pro tempore for each period up to four hours that the reporter is on duty under the order of the court.

(b) During the hours which the court is open for the transaction of judicial business, the regular official reporter shall perform the duties required by law. When not engaged in the performance of any other duty imposed upon him or her by law, he or she shall render stenographic or clerical assistance to the judge of the court to which he or she is assigned as that judge may direct.

(c) The board of supervisors shall adjust the salary of regular official reporters as part of its regular review of county employee compensation. The adjustment shall be to that salary level closest to the average percentage adjustment in basic salaries of the county classes of superior court clerk, legal clerk, secretary, and clerk (experienced level), and shall be effective on the same date.

(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 696, Sec. 44. Effective September 15, 1992.)

70047.1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the following provisions shall be applicable to the Stanislaus County Superior Court:

(a) In Stanislaus County, to assist the superior court in the transaction of its judicial business, a majority of the judges of the superior court, with the approval of the board of supervisors, may appoint as many regular official reporters as necessary to report the proceedings in the court.

(b) The regular official superior court reporters, unless the right to their services are waived, shall report all of the proceedings as otherwise provided by law or ordered by a superior court judge.

(c) The regular official court reporters shall be compensated at a range approved by the board of supervisors by ordinance or resolution.

In order that the salaries provided for in this section remain equitable and competitive, in the event an ordinance or resolution is adopted which provides a cost-of-living increase for employees of Stanislaus County, this salary range shall be deemed adjusted, increased, and amended by that ordinance or resolution.

(d) A regular official court reporter shall receive the same vacation, sick leave, retirement, and other benefits as are provided for county employees.

(e) For the purposes of retirement, the compensation of each reporter shall be deemed to be the total of all per diem and transcription fees paid by the county to all of the regular reporters of the superior court for all reporting services, divided by the number of superior court official reporters, plus his or her salary.

(f) The superior court executive officer shall appoint a supervising reporter to be compensated at an hourly rate that is 10 percent higher than Step 5 of the hourly rate specified in subdivision (c).

(g) For all transcriptions incident to reporting services, each reporter shall receive the fees provided for in Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941) of this chapter. A court reporter shall also be allowed his or her traveling expenses as determined by the travel policy of Stanislaus County when reporting outside of the county seat.

(h) The judges of the superior court may appoint as many official superior court reporters pro tempore as the business of the court requires. They shall be unsalaried, but shall receive a per diem of $\frac{1}{260}$ of Step 4 of the hourly rate set pursuant to subdivision (c).

(i) The county shall provide the official reporters with supplies for the performance of their courtroom duties, excluding hardware.

(j) The presiding judge of the superior court may, upon request of the presiding judge of the municipal court, assign an official superior court reporter to the municipal court during such times as the business of the municipal court requires. Official superior court reporters who are so assigned shall receive no additional compensation for that service.

(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 696, Sec. 45. Effective September 15, 1992.)

70047.5. (a) In Sonoma County, for the 1987–88 fiscal year each regular official reporter shall be paid an annual salary of thirty-seven thousand seven hundred forty dollars (\$37,740), which salary shall include payment for services in reporting all proceedings in the superior court, before the grand jury and the coroner. In order that the salary provided for in this section shall remain equitable and competitive, the salary provided for in this section shall be adjusted and increased by the same, general across-the-board salary adjustment enacted by the county in the salary ordinance for other unrepresented employees.

(b) Reporters pro tempore serving in the superior and municipal courts shall receive a per diem equal to 90 percent of the gross hourly wage of a regular official superior court reporter, exclusive of benefits, for each full day, and one-half the per diem rate for each half day, when actually on duty under order of the court, and shall receive from the county their necessary traveling and other expenses when necessarily called from other counties.

(c) Regular official reporters shall be entitled to the same privileges with respect to retirement, vacation, sick leave and other benefits allowed to employees in the clerical nonsupervisory representation unit of the county.

(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 696, Sec. 46. Effective September 15, 1992.)

70048. (a) In a county with a population of 1,300,000 and under 1,400,000, as determined by the 1970 federal census, regular official reporters shall be paid at a salary rate established by joint action and approval of the board of supervisors and a majority of the judges of the court.

Except as provided herein, the initial hiring rate for each position shall be step A, provided further, however, the judges of the superior court may appoint any such court reporter at a higher initial step if in the opinion of the judges of the superior court an individual to be appointed has such experience and qualification as to entitle that individual to such higher initial step. A step advancement from step A to step B may be granted on the first day of the month following the completion of 12 full months of service in the position. A person may advance to steps C, D, and E upon completion of successive 12-month periods of service. All merit increases as provided herein shall be made at the determination of the judges of the superior court. A court reporter employed prior to November 15, 1977, and currently employed shall receive a monthly and annual salary at step E.

(b) Official phonographic reporters pro tempore shall be compensated at a rate established by joint action and approval of the board of supervisors and a majority of the judges of the court.

(c) Each reporter shall cooperate with county personnel in any random job reviews for the purpose of confirming hours spent in attendance upon the courts for the purpose of reporting proceedings.

(d) During the hours which the court is open for the transaction of judicial business, official reporters shall devote full time to the performance of the duties required of them by law and shall not engage in or solicit to engage in any other employment in their professional capacity.

(Amended by Stats. 1991, Ch. 1090, Sec. 21.)

70049. In a county with a population of over 11,650 and under 12,000, as determined by the 1960 federal census, each regular official reporter shall receive as full compensation for taking notes in criminal cases an annual salary set by resolution of the board of supervisors. All other fees of such reporters shall be as elsewhere provided by law.

(Amended by Stats. 1985, Ch. 370, Sec. 2.)

70049.5. In a county with a population of over 32,000 and under 33,000, as determined by the 1960 federal census, each regular official reporter shall receive as full compensation an annual salary of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) unless the board of supervisors of the county shall by ordinance provide for compensation in excess of that amount, in which event the amount set by ordinance shall apply.

(Amended by Stats. 1971, Ch. 496.)

70050. In San Benito County, the board of supervisors shall fix the salary of regular official reporters and the compensation of official reporters pro tempore, which shall be at a rate of not more than seventy-five dollars (\$75) a day.

During the hours which the court is open for the transaction of judicial business, official reporters shall devote full time to the performance of the duties required of them by law and shall not engage in or solicit to engage in any other employment in their professional capacity.

(Added by Stats. 1977, Ch. 336.)

70050.5. In each county with a population of 730,000 and under 850,000, as determined by the 1960 federal census, the monthly salary of the regular official phonographic reporters shall be not less than that paid to regular official phonographic reporters of the superior court in counties having a population of over 6,000,000. Pro tempore reporters in each county with a population of 730,000 and under 850,000, as determined by the 1960 federal census, shall receive a daily per diem in an amount not less than that paid to pro tempore superior court reporters in counties having a population of over 6,000,000.

Length of employment for compensation purposes under this section shall mean length of employment in either the municipal court or superior court of such county.

All regular official phonographic reporters appointed prior to the effective date of this section shall receive not less than the monthly salary set forth in the maximum step of the pertinent salary schedule used in counties having a population of over 6,000,000.

Official phonographic reporters appointed subsequent to the effective date of this section shall be compensated in an amount that is not less than whatever step of the pertinent salary schedule used in counties with a population of over 6,000,000 the majority of the judges of such court may deem appropriate.

(Amended by Stats. 2000, Ch. 133, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2001.)

70050.6. (a) In Tuolumne County, the official reporters of the superior court shall perform the following duties:

- (1) Report all criminal proceedings.
- (2) Report all civil proceedings.
- (3) Report all domestic relations proceedings.
- (4) Report all proceedings of the grand jury.
- (5) Report all coroner's inquests.

(b) The official reporters of Tuolumne County shall receive a salary as established by the Board of Supervisors of Tuolumne County. Such salary is for compensation for reporting services in the superior court under subdivision (a) of this section.

For all transcriptions incident to reporting services, each reporter shall receive the fees provided for in Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941) of Chapter 5 of this title. The court reporter shall also be allowed his or her actual traveling expenses when reporting outside of the county seat.

(Added by Stats. 1980, Ch. 1361.)

70050.8. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 69948 and 69949, in counties with population of at least 62,000 and under 65,800, as determined by the 1960 federal census, the fee for official court reporters and court reporters pro tempore is seventy dollars (\$70) per day unless the board of supervisors of the county shall, by resolution, provide for fees in excess of that amount, in which event the fee set by resolution shall apply.

(Amended by Stats. 1980, Ch. 79.)

70051. No further fee than that prescribed in Sections 70053 to 70059.5, inclusive, shall be collected from, or assessed against, any party to any proceeding for the services of a phonographic reporter in taking down in shorthand the testimony and other proceedings in the trial or hearing of any matter as required by law or by order of the court, but a phonographic reporter shall be allowed and unless waived by him shall receive the fees allowed by law for transcribing his shorthand notes of the testimony and proceedings reported by him, and such fees for transcriptions shall be paid pursuant to Article 9 of this chapter and any other law pertinent to the case.

(Amended by Stats. 1961, Ch. 84.)

70052. The salaries provided for in this article shall be paid in monthly installments out of the salary fund of the county and shall be allowed and audited in the same manner as the law requires for other salary demands against the county.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

70056.7. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the following provisions shall be applicable to the official superior court reporters in Monterey County:

- (a) Regular official court reporters shall report all criminal and civil proceedings in their respective courts and report all grand jury proceedings. When not engaged in the performance of other duties imposed on him or her by law and when approved by the presiding judge, each reporter shall render such assistance as may be required in any other court of the county to which he or she may be assigned. During hours in which the court is open for the transaction of judicial business, official reporters shall devote full time to the performance of regular duties and shall not engage in or solicit any other employment in their professional capacity.
- (b) Each regular official court reporter shall be paid a salary to be established by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors upon the joint recommendation of the county administrative officer and the judges of the superior court.

(c) A regular official court reporter shall serve at the pleasure of the judge of the court for which appointed but shall receive the same vacation, sick leave, retirement, and other financial or monetary benefits as are now, or may be hereafter provided for the classification of superior court clerk. The benefits include the right to participate in any group accident, group health, or group life insurance plan adopted for and made available to the classification of superior court clerk.

For the purposes of retirement under the Public Employees' Retirement System, the salary provided for in subdivision (b) shall be deemed the entire salary for each court reporter.

(d) Judges of the superior court may appoint as many official superior court reporters pro tempore as the business of the court requires. They shall be unsalaried but shall receive a per diem at a rate to be established by joint action of the board of supervisors and a majority of the judges of the superior court.

(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 696, Sec. 61. Effective September 15, 1992.)

70059.7. In Santa Barbara County each regular official reporter shall be paid a biweekly salary which shall be one thousand six hundred eighty-five dollars and eighty-five cents (\$1,685.85) which salary shall include payment for services in reporting all proceedings in the superior or municipal court, before the grand jury, and before coroners' inquests.

Reporters pro tempore shall be paid at a per diem rate of up to a maximum of one hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$168) or eighty-four dollars (\$84) for each half day or four (4) hour period or portion thereof for the days they are actually on duty under order of the court, and shall receive from the county their necessary traveling and other expenses when necessarily called from other counties. Rates of compensation of regular official reporters and official reporters pro tempore may be adjusted by joint action and approval of the board of supervisors and a majority of the judges of the court. However, any changes in compensation which are made pursuant to this section shall be on an interim basis and shall remain in effect only until January 1, 1993, unless ratified by statute by the Legislature prior to that date.

(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 696, Sec. 65. Effective September 15, 1992.)

70059.8. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, including but not limited to Sections 70040, 70041, 70042, and 70045, the following provisions shall be applicable to the official court reporters in Solano County.

(b) Regular official court reporters shall report all criminal and civil proceedings in their respective courts; all juvenile proceedings, other than those heard by referees or traffic officers when official reporters are unavailable; grand jury proceedings, coroner's inquests, and proceedings before the county board of equalization. When not engaged in the performance of other duties imposed upon him or her by law, each reporter shall render such assistance as may be required in any other court of the county to which he or she may be assigned, and perform such other verbatim reporting services as may be required such as, but not limited to, public hearings and depositions. During hours in which the court is open for the transaction of judicial business, official reporters shall devote full time to the performance of regular duties and shall not engage in any other employment in their professional capacity.

(c) In Solano County the annual salary of each official court reporter shall be based on a regular five-step plan as established by joint action and approval of the board of supervisors and a majority of the judges of the court.

(d) For all transcripts incident to reporting services, each reporter shall receive the fees provided for in Article 9 (commencing with Section 69941) of this chapter. The initial hiring rate for each position shall be step 1, provided that the judges may appoint any such reporter at a higher initial step if, in the opinion of the majority of judges, an individual to be appointed has such experience and qualifications as to entitle him or her to such higher initial step.

(e) A regular official court reporter shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing judge, but shall be entitled to the same benefits and privileges respecting longevity, service credits, cost-of-living or other general pay increases, retirement, vacation, sick leave and group insurance which are provided other employees of the county. Court reporters shall be entitled to any increases provided other employees of the county respecting longevity, service credits, cost-of-living or general pay increases, retirement, vacation, sick leave and group insurance, but such increases shall be on an interim basis and remain in effect only until January 1, 1990, unless ratified by statute by the Legislature prior to that date.

(f) Judges of the court may appoint as many official reporters pro tempore as the business of the court requires. They shall be unsalaried but shall receive the fees provided by Article 9 of this chapter, which fees, upon order of the court, shall be a proper charge against the general fund of the county.

(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 696, Sec. 66. Effective September 15, 1992.)

70059.9. In San Luis Obispo County, each regular official reporter shall be paid a monthly salary which shall be recommended by the superior court and approved by the board of supervisors. This salary shall include payment for services in reporting all proceedings in the superior court, before the grand jury, and before coroner's inquests. The initial hiring rate for each position shall be step 1, provided, however, that the judges of the court may appoint a reporter at a higher step if such person has the experience and qualifications to entitle that individual to appointment at a higher initial step. Step advancement from step 1 to step 2 may be granted following completion of six full months of service in the position. Thereafter, a person may advance to each succeeding step

upon completion of a 12-month period of full-time service at the previous step. All step advancements pursuant to this section shall be determined by the judges of the court. In addition to the duties required by the provisions of this section, and notwithstanding the provisions of Section 69956, regular official reporters, when not actually engaged in the performance of other lawfully imposed duties, shall, at no additional compensation, render stenographic or clerical assistance or both, to the superior court as may be directed by the presiding judge.

Reporters pro tem shall be paid at a per diem rate of seventy-six dollars (\$76) for the days they are actually on duty under order of the court, and shall receive from the county their necessary travel and other expenses when necessarily called from other counties. Rates of compensation of official reporters pro tem may be adjusted by approval of the board of supervisors upon the recommendation of a majority of the judges of the court.

Each official court reporter shall be an attaché of the superior court and shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing judges, but shall be entitled to the same benefits and privileges respecting retirement, group insurance, social security, vacation, sick leave and other fringe benefits which are provided to county employees.

(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 696, Sec. 67. Effective September 15, 1992.)

70060. The fee so required shall be taxed as costs in favor of any party paying it and to whom costs are awarded by the judgment of the court. Such fee shall not be subject to the provisions of Section 6103.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

70061. In a county with a population of 280,000 and under 285,000, of 500,000 and under 700,000, or of 700,000 or more, the fee so required shall not be required of any party who is exempted from the payment of costs by any statute other than Section 6103.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

70062. On or before the first day of each calendar month, the county clerk shall transmit to the county treasurer all money paid to him pursuant to this article during the preceding calendar month, or up to the day immediately preceding that on which he transmits the money, and the money shall be deposited in the salary fund of the county.

(Added by Stats. 1953, Ch. 206.)

70063. In Mendocino County, the official phonographic reporters shall perform the following duties:

- (a) Report all proceedings before the superior court.
- (b) Report the proceedings of the grand jury.
- (c) Act as the secretary of, and render stenographic and clerical assistance to, the judge of the department to which they are assigned by the presiding judge.

(Amended by Stats. 2005, Ch. 410, Sec. 1. Effective January 1, 2006.)

70064. In Mono County, each regular official reporter shall receive as full compensation for taking notes in criminal cases an annual salary set by resolution of the board of supervisors. All other fees of such reporters shall be as elsewhere provided by law.

(Added by Stats. 1985, Ch. 370, Sec. 3.)