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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 12.8. Official Reporters and Fees in Counties With a Population of 120,000 to 130,000 [70136 - 70139]** ( Article 12.8 added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1201. )

**70136.** (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the monthly salary of each full-time official reporter of the Superior Court in Santa Cruz County shall be as follows:

Step 1:\$1,614

Step 2:\$1,685

Step 3:\$1,758

Step 4:\$1,834

Step 5:\$1,941

The initial hiring rate for each position shall be step 1. 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 to entitle that individual to such higher initial step.

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, salary step advancements, and similar privileges and benefits as are now or may hereafter be provided for the employees of the county.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, compensation for each official reporter pro tempore shall be sixty-five dollars (\$65) a day for each day such reporter pro tempore is on duty under order of the court. Each reporter pro tempore shall receive from the county the necessary traveling and other expenses when necessarily called from other counties.

(c) Each full-time official reporter and each official reporter pro tempore shall receive the salaries specified in subdivisions (a) and (b), respectively, unless the board of supervisors of Santa Cruz County by ordinance provides for compensation in excess of the specified amounts, in which event the amount set by ordinance shall apply.

(Amended by Stats. 1980, Ch. 745.)

**70137.** Fees for transcription of testimony and proceedings in the court shall be paid by the litigant to full-time official reporters or to official reporters pro tempore as otherwise provided by law. In all cases where by law the court may direct the payment of transcription fees out of the county treasury, such fees shall, upon order of the court, be paid from the General Fund, including fees for transcription of testimony of proceedings in criminal cases as provided in Sections 69947 to 69953, inclusive, of this code, which shall be paid from the county treasury.

(Added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1201.)

**70138.** (a) The official reporter shall perform the duties required by law. When not actually engaged in the performance of any other duty imposed by law, the official reporter shall render stenographic or clerical assistance, or both, to the judge or judges of the department to which such reporter is assigned as such judge or judges may direct.

(b) The official reporter in each department shall be selected by and serve directly under the authority and control of the judge thereof, provided, however, that whenever the services of an official reporter are not required in the actual prosecution of the business of his department, the presiding judge of the superior court may temporarily assign any such reporter to act as an official reporter for another department of the superior court or as an official reporter of a municipal court within the same county.

*(Added by Stats. 1974, Ch. 1201.)*

**70139.** (a) A reporter's filing fee of twelve dollars (\$12) shall be paid in actions and proceedings as specified in Section 68090.5 in the Santa Cruz County Superior Court.

(b) In addition to any fee otherwise required, in civil cases that last longer than one judicial day, a fee per day equal to the per diem rate for official reporters pro tempore shall be charged to the parties for the services of an official reporter for the second and each successive day a reporter is required.

(c) In addition to any fee otherwise required, in a civil case in which a court orders a daily transcript necessitating the services of two phonographic reporters, the party requesting the daily transcript shall pay a fee per day equal to the per diem rate for official reporters pro tempore for the services of the second reporter for the first and each successive day.

*(Amended by Stats. 1992, Ch. 772, Sec. 9. Effective January 1, 1993.)*