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Senate Bill 936 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Jeff Irwin
Committee: Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to prohibit a court reporter, court recorder, stenomask reporter, or owner of a court reporting firm from charging more than two-thirds of the price of an original exhibit or other attachment for a copy of that exhibit or attachment and from charging additional fees for the electronic use of copies by non-scheduling parties.

MCL 600.1491

BRIEF RATIONALE

Court reporters, recorders, stenomask reporters, and reporting firms record live testimony of court proceedings for future records. Currently, they may not charge more than two-thirds of the price of an original transcript for a copy of that transcript. According to testimony before the Senate Committee on Civil Rights, Judiciary, and Public Safety, it is not uncommon for reporters and firms to charge hidden fees for access to or electronic use of other documents, including exhibits or attachments, among other things. Accordingly, it has been suggested to prohibit reporters and reporting firms from charging for these copies more than two-thirds of the price of their originals.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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