

1-1 By: Phillips (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 4032
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 8, 2017;
1-3 May 9, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 15, 2017, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 15, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	Huffman	X		
1-9	Hughes	X		
1-10	Birdwell	X		
1-11	Creighton	X		
1-12	Estes	X		
1-13	Lucio	X		
1-14	Nelson	X		
1-15	Schwertner	X		
1-16	Zaffirini	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to annual limitations on the reimbursement of expenses
1-20 incurred by district court reporters.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 52.055, Government Code, is amended by
1-23 amending Subsection (d) and adding Subsection (d-1) to read as
1-24 follows:

1-25 (d) The expenses reimbursed under this section are subject
1-26 to annual limitations based on the size of the judicial district.
1-27 Except as provided by Subsection (d-1), a [A] court reporter may not
1-28 receive more than the maximum reimbursement amount set for the
1-29 reporter's judicial district in any one year. The maximum
1-30 reimbursement amount is as follows:

1-31 (1) if the judicial district contains two counties,
1-32 the maximum reimbursement amount is \$400;

1-33 (2) if the judicial district contains three counties,
1-34 the maximum reimbursement amount is \$800;

1-35 (3) if the judicial district contains four counties,
1-36 the maximum reimbursement amount is \$1,400; and

1-37 (4) if the judicial district contains five or more
1-38 counties, the maximum reimbursement amount is \$2,000.

1-39 (d-1) For expenses that exceed the annual maximum
1-40 reimbursement amount set for a court reporter's judicial district
1-41 under Subsection (d), the reporter may receive reimbursement from
1-42 the county for which the expenses were incurred on approval of the
1-43 commissioners court of the county.

1-44 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies to
1-45 expenses incurred by a court reporter on or after the effective date
1-46 of this Act. Expenses incurred before the effective date of this
1-47 Act are governed by the law in effect on the date the expenses were
1-48 incurred, and the former law is continued in effect for that
1-49 purpose.

1-50 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

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