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HOUSE BILL *1182*

AN ACT relative to the board of court reporters.

SPONSORS: Rep. P. Schmidt, Straf. 19

COMMITTEE: Executive Departments and Administration

ANALYSIS

This bill makes the board of court reporters an advisory board within the office of professional licensure and certification.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

64:1 Court Reporters; Definitions. Amend RSA 310-A:162, I-II to read as follows:

I. "Board" means the ***advisory*** board of court reporters as created by this subdivision.

II. "Court reporter" means a person who has met the requirements set forth in this subdivision and is licensed to engage in shorthand reporting or voice writing.

II-a. "Executive director" means the executive director of the office of professional licensure and certification, or designee.

64:2 Court Reporters; Advisory Board Established. RSA 310-A:163 is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

310-A:163 Advisory Board of Court Reporters. The executive director shall establish an advisory board of court reporters consisting of 3 members. Two members shall be licensed court reporters and one member shall be licensed to practice law in this state. Each member shall be appointed to a term of 3 years. No member shall serve more than 2 consecutive full terms. The advisory board shall advise the executive director regarding the implementation of this chapter.

64:3 Court Reporters; Qualifications. Amend RSA 310-A:170 to read as follows:

310-A:170 Qualifications for Applicant for Licensing. The [~~board~~] ***executive director*** shall consider any applicant for licensing who has:

I. Applied for licensing;

II. Paid the fee; and

III. Submitted proof satisfactory to the [~~secretary~~] ***executive director*** that he or she:

(a) Is not less than 18 years of age;

(b) Is a citizen of the United States or legally able to work;

(c) Is of good moral character; and

(d) Has a high school education, or the equivalent thereof, as defined by the department of education.

64:4 Court Reporters; Term of License; Renewal. Amend RSA 310-A:173 to read as follows:

310-A:173 Term of License; Renewal. The term of licensure under this subdivision shall be every 2 years. All licenses issued by the [~~board~~] ***executive director*** shall expire on the last day of the month of the licensee's birth in the year 2 years following the year of issuance. The [~~secretary of the board~~] ***executive director*** shall notify every licensee of the date of the expiration of the license and the amount of the fee that shall be required for its renewal for 2 years[~~, such amount to be not less than $200~~]. Such notice shall be mailed at least one month in advance of the date of expiration. Renewal may be effected at any time during the month of expiration by the payment of the fee established by the [~~board~~] ***executive director***

and submission of evidence satisfactory to the [~~board~~] ***executive director*** showing fulfillment of continuing education requirements. If a licensee fails to renew such license within the 12 months after the date of expiration, it shall become null and void and the licensee shall be required to reapply for licensure. [~~The board, pursuant to rules adopted under RSA 310-A:171, shall charge up to a 20 percent late fee for each month or fraction of a month the renewal is late, up to 12 months, in addition to the renewal fee.~~]

64:5 Court Reporters; Code of Ethics; Reference Change. Amend the introductory paragraph of RSA 310-A:180 to read as follows:

The [~~board~~] ***executive director*** shall adopt the National Court Reporters Association Code of Ethics as the New Hampshire ***advisory*** board of court reporters code of ethics, including all provisions relating to giving, directly or indirectly, any gift, incentive, reward or anything of value to attorneys, clients, witnesses, insurance companies, or any other persons or entities associated with the litigation or to the representatives or agents of any of the foregoing except for:

64:6 Reference Change. Amend the following RSA sections by replacing the term "board" with the term "executive director": 310-A:164, 310-A:169, 310-A:171, 310-A:174, 310-A:175, 310-A:178, 310-A:179.

64:7 Repeal. RSA 310-A:162, IV, relative to the definition of "secretary" as it relates to the board of court reporters, is repealed.

64:8 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: May 20, 2022
Effective Date: July 19, 2022