

# Senate Bill 90

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## SUMMARY

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Modifies certification system for shorthand reporters.  
Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to shorthand reporters; amending ORS 8.420, 8.435, 8.445 and 8.455; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 8.420 is amended to read:

6 8.420. (1) The State Court Administrator shall verify the qualifications of shorthand reporters  
7 to be certified and shall issue the certificate of shorthand reporter to qualified applicants.

8 (2) The administrator shall adopt policies necessary to administer ORS 8.415 to 8.455 and may  
9 appoint any committees necessary to function in accordance with ORS 8.415 to 8.455.

10 (3) The administrator shall:

11 (a) Adopt policies establishing the qualifications necessary for the issuance of a certificate of  
12 certified shorthand reporter[;]. **A shorthand reporter may be certified to perform stenographic  
13 reporting, voice writing reporting, or both.**

14 (b) Determine the qualifications of persons applying for certificates under ORS 8.415 to  
15 8.455[;].

16 (c) Adopt policies for the examination of applicants and the issuing of certificates under ORS  
17 8.415 to 8.455[;].

18 (d) Grant certificates to qualified applicants upon compliance with ORS 8.415 to 8.455 and poli-  
19 cies of the administrator[;].

20 (e) Establish continuing education requirements for [*biennial*] renewal of certificates[;].

21 (f) Collect fees as set by the administrator[;].

22 (g) Require the [*biennial*] **regular** renewal of all certificates[;].

23 (h) Establish a code of conduct and grounds for disciplinary action[; *and*].

24 (i) Investigate complaints regarding court reporters.

25 (4) The Certified Shorthand Reporters Advisory Committee shall recommend:

26 (a) Standards establishing the qualifications necessary for the issuance of a certificate of certi-  
27 fied shorthand reporter;

28 (b) Qualifications required of persons applying for certificates under ORS 8.415 to 8.455;

29 (c) Procedures for the examination of applicants and the issuing of certificates under ORS 8.415  
30 to 8.455;

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.  
New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (d) Certificates be granted by the administrator to qualified applicants upon compliance with  
 2 ORS 8.415 to 8.455 and policies of the administrator;

3 (e) Continuing education requirements for [*biennial*] renewal of certificates;

4 (f) A code of conduct and grounds for suspension or revocation of certificates or other discipli-  
 5 nary action to the administrator;

6 (g) Investigation of complaints regarding court reporters at the direction of the administrator;  
 7 and

8 (h) Any corrective action that may be required.

9 **SECTION 2.** ORS 8.435 is amended to read:

10 8.435. (1) The certificate of certified shorthand reporter shall be granted to any person who  
 11 meets the requirements of ORS 8.415 to 8.455 and policies of the State Court Administrator.

12 (2) Any person who has received from the administrator a certificate of “certified shorthand  
 13 reporter” shall be styled and known as a “certified shorthand reporter” and may also use the ab-  
 14 breviation of “C.S.R.”

15 (3) A certificate shall be renewed [*biennially*] **regularly** as provided by policies of the adminis-  
 16 trator.

17 (4) Certificates issued by the administrator may be renewed [*biennially*] upon payment of the fee  
 18 established under ORS 8.445, completion of established continuing education requirements and com-  
 19 pliance with the code of conduct policy as established by the administrator.

20 (5) A person may not assume or use the title or designation “certified shorthand reporter” or  
 21 the abbreviation “C.S.R.” or any other title, designation, words, letters, abbreviation, sign or device  
 22 tending to indicate that the person is a certified shorthand reporter unless the person has received  
 23 a certificate as a certified shorthand reporter under ORS 8.415 to 8.455 and policies of the admin-  
 24 istrator that is not revoked, suspended or lapsed.

25 **SECTION 3.** ORS 8.445 is amended to read:

26 8.445. [(1) *The State Court Administrator shall establish a fee schedule for fees authorized by ORS*  
 27 *8.415 to 8.455, as follows:*]

28 [(a) *Not to exceed \$100 for initial registration.*]

29 [(b) *Not to exceed \$100 for biennial renewal.*]

30 [(c) *Not to exceed \$100 for the examination.*]

31 **(1) The State Court Administrator shall establish and collect reasonable fees for appli-**  
 32 **ications, examinations, certifications and renewals of certification authorized by ORS 8.415**  
 33 **to 8.455.**

34 (2) Fees **collected under this section** are nonrefundable.

35 (3) [*Subject to a report to the Emergency Board prior to adopting the fees and charges,*] The fees  
 36 [*and charges*] established under this section [*shall*] **may** not exceed the cost of administering and  
 37 enforcing ORS 8.415 to 8.455[*, consistent with the budget authorized by the Legislative Assembly, as*  
 38 *that budget may be modified by the Emergency Board*].

39 **SECTION 4.** ORS 8.455 is amended to read:

40 8.455. (1) There is created a Certified Shorthand Reporters Advisory Committee consisting of  
 41 seven members appointed by the State Court Administrator as follows:

42 (a) Four members of the advisory committee shall be persons skilled in the practice of shorthand  
 43 reporting and shall have been engaged continuously in the practice of shorthand reporting for a  
 44 period of not less than five years prior to the date of appointment as a member of the advisory  
 45 committee. Appointees shall be certified under ORS 8.415 to 8.455. [*Of the shorthand reporter mem-*

1 *bers, two shall be official reporters and two shall be free-lance reporters;]*

2 (b) Two members of the advisory committee shall be members of the Oregon State Bar[; *and*].

3 (c) One member of the advisory committee shall be a public member and not be a **shorthand**  
4 reporter or a member of the Oregon State Bar or related thereto. The public member is entitled to  
5 compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495.

6 (2) The term of a member of the advisory committee shall be three years. A member is eligible  
7 for reappointment to the advisory committee. Vacancies occurring shall be filled by appointment for  
8 the unexpired term.

9 (3) The advisory committee shall organize by the election of one of its members as president and  
10 one as secretary.

11 (4) A majority of the advisory committee shall constitute a quorum for all purposes.

12 **SECTION 5. This 2013 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public**  
13 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2013 Act takes effect**  
14 **on its passage.**