

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, an official court reporter is entitled to receive a regular salary while temporarily unable to perform his or her duties. This can be construed to allow an official court reporter to receive his or her salary indefinitely, as long as he or she is doing other official work. This bill provides that an official court reporter may not receive full salary for "other official work" in excess of 30 days each year. Additionally, the official court reporter's salary, while on illness or unavoidable disability, is determined by policies of the court or counties responsible for the payment of the official court reporter's salary and Chapter 504, Labor Code.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 483 provides that an official court reporter may not receive full salary for "other official work" in excess of 30 days each year. Additionally, the official court reporter's salary, while on illness or unavoidable disability, is determined by policies of the court or counties responsible for the payment of the official court reporter's salary and Chapter 504, Labor Code.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 52.042, Government Code, by amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d), to provide that official court reporter is entitled to receive a regular salary while unable to perform official duties due to other official work. Prohibits the court reporter from receiving salary under this subsection for more than 30 days each year. Requires the salary of an official court reporter due to absences or disability to be determined by the compensation and leave policy of the county and Chapter 504, Labor Code.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: upon passage.