

HOUSE No. 1824

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven George Xiarhos

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to stenographer compensation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>6/5/2023</i>

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By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1824) of Steven George Xiarhos relative to the fees for furnishing transcripts of notes. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1878 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to stenographer compensation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 88 of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place
3 thereof the following sentence:- "Upon request of the presiding justice or any party, the
4 stenographer or transcriber shall furnish a paper or electronic reproduction transcript of a trial or
5 hearing for which he shall be paid by the party requesting it at the rate of \$4.00 per page for the
6 original and \$1.50 per page for each additional copy ordered at the same time, but not to be less
7 than \$20.

8 SECTION 2. Section 88 of said chapter 221, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
9 by deleting the second sentence.

10 SECTION 3. Section 88 of said chapter 221, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
11 by deleting the fourth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-
12 "Additional paper or electronic reproduction copies, if so requested by an indigent person or
13 counsel for an indigent person, shall be paid at \$.35 per page, but not to be less than \$20."

14 SECTION 4. Section 88 of said chapter 221, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
15 by deleting the fifth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- "In the event
16 that daily copy is ordered by the presiding justice or any party, the rate shall be \$5.75 per page
17 for the original paper or electronic reproduction copy and \$2.25 per page for each additional
18 paper or electronic reproduction copy; provided that, additional paper or electronic reproduction
19 copies, if so requested by an indigent person or counsel for indigent person, shall be paid at \$.35
20 per page, but not to be less than \$20."