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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
151st GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 461

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 10 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COURT REPORTERS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend Chapter 5, Title 10 of the Delaware Code by making insertions as shown by underline and
2 deletions as shown by strike through as follows:

3 § 525. Court reporters.

4 The Superior Court may from time to time ~~appoint and remove at pleasure~~ employ such number of skilled and
5 ~~competent stenographers to be designated as court reporters and other employees, as may shall be necessary to create a~~
6 verbatim record for the proper operation of the Court. ~~Court, together with such additional clerical assistants as may be~~
7 ~~required.~~ The duties of these employees ~~the court reporters~~ shall be to attend all sessions of the Superior Court in the
8 several counties and such hearings before any Judge or Judges judicial officers thereof, as may be required, to create a
9 verbatim record ~~report of~~ all evidence, opinions and other matters as the Superior Court may require and to perform such
10 other duties as the Superior Court may prescribe. ~~The court reporters and assistants~~ These employees shall receive such
11 compensation as the Court shall from time to time determine. ~~Every court reporter before~~ Before entering upon his or her
12 duties to create the court record, every employee under this section shall take and subscribe the oath of office as required by
13 the Delaware Constitution.

SYNOPSIS

This Act modifies Superior Court's statute pertaining to creation of the Court's record. Previously, the statute only contemplated stenographic recording of court proceedings. Technology has advanced which permits the Court to utilize other methods, in addition to stenographers, to create the court's record.

This Act updates the statutory language related to court reports and is consistent with language used by other Delaware Courts.