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Senate Bill 699 (as introduced 9-21-99)  
Sponsor: Senator Christopher D. Dingell  
Committee: Judiciary

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act (RJA) to increase the per-page transcript fee to which circuit court reporters or recorders are entitled for original pages. The RJA provides that the reporters or recorders are entitled to demand and receive \$1.75 per original page and 30 cents per page for each copy, unless a lower rate is agreed upon. The bill would increase the original-page rate to \$3 per page.

MCL 600.2543

Legislative Analyst: P. Affholter

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would result in increased costs to the State and local units of government. According to the State Court Administrative Office, 1995 trial court costs for transcripts totaled approximately \$2.7 million. An estimated cost for State government is not available.

Transcript fees in district and probate court are statutorily tied to MCL 600.2543.

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