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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to amend sections 24-514 and
2 25-2732, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change
3 provisions relating to tape recorders and recording; and to
4 repeal the original sections.

5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 24-514, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 24-514. The State of Nebraska shall pay, with funds
4 appropriated to the Supreme Court, all salaries, benefits, and
5 expenses related to the education and travel of judges and employees
6 of the county courts. The state shall also pay, with funds
7 appropriated to the Supreme Court, the following operational costs of
8 the county courts:

- 9 (1) Computer hardware and software used for data processing;
10 (2) Computer hardware and software used for word processing
11 if the costs are incurred on equipment owned by the state;
12 (3) Communication line costs arising from data and word
13 processing pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section; and
14 (4) ~~Tape~~ Multi-track recorders, microphones, and
15 playback units used to create verbatim records of county court
16 proceedings.

17 The county shall pay any county court expense not provided
18 for in this section. All property purchased by the county as a county
19 court expense before September 9, 1993, or on or after September 9,
20 1993, shall remain the property of the county.

21 Sec. 2. Section 25-2732, Reissue Revised Statutes of
22 Nebraska, is amended to read:

23 25-2732. (1) Testimony in all civil and criminal cases in
24 county court shall be preserved by ~~tape recording~~, multi-track
25 recorders, but the court may order the use of a court reporter in any
26 case.

27 (2) Standards for equipment for ~~tape~~ recording testimony

1 and rules for using such equipment shall be prescribed by the Supreme
2 Court. Such standards shall require that the equipment be capable of
3 multiple-track recording and of instantaneous monitoring by the clerk
4 or other court employee operating the equipment.

5 (3) The transcription of such testimony, when certified to
6 by the stenographer or court reporter who made it and settled by the
7 court as such, shall constitute the bill of exceptions in the case.
8 The cost of preparing the bill of exceptions shall be paid initially
9 by the party for whom it is prepared.

10 (4) The procedure for preparation, settlement, signature,
11 allowance, certification, filing, and amendment of a bill of
12 exceptions shall be governed by rules of practice prescribed by the
13 Supreme Court.

14 Sec. 3. Original sections 24-514 and 25-2732, Reissue
15 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.