

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT

IT IS ORDERED by the Supreme Court of Texas that the attached amendment to Rule V.D., Applications For Certification, the amendments to Rule VI.B. and C., Fees, and the addition of Rule VI.H., Fees, of the *Standards and Rules for Certification of Certified Shorthand Reporters* are adopted and promulgated in conformity with Chapter 52 of the Government Code, V.T.C.A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Supreme Court approves the fee increase stated in Rule VI.C. of the attached standards.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these rules become effective April 1, 1998.

SIGNED this 21st day of January, ~~1997.~~ ^{1998.}

Thomas R. Phillips
Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

Raul A. Gonzalez
Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice

Nathan L. Hecht
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Craig T. Enoch
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Rose Spector
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Priscilla Owen
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James A. Baker
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Greg Abbott
Greg Abbott, Justice

Deborah G. Hankinson
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V. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION

D. **Filing Timeliness.** The completed application, request for exam assignment, valid statement of proficiency, application fee and examination fee shall be submitted to the Board not later than midnight on the date established by the Board. For the purpose of determining filing timeliness, the required forms and fees shall be deemed submitted when actually delivered at the office of the Board or when postmarked as having been mailed prior to midnight on the date established by the Board.

VI. FEES

B. **Examination Fee.** A fee of fifty (\$50) dollars for Part B, seventy-five (\$75) dollars for Part A, or seventy-five (\$75) dollars for Parts A & B combined shall be due and payable not later than midnight on the date established by the Board.

C. **Renewal Fee.** A fee of one hundred and fifty (\$150) dollars shall be paid on or before the expiration date of the certification. Unless this fee is timely paid or the certification reinstated as provided in Rule I.E., the certification previously issued shall expire at the date of the second anniversary of the date of the issuance of the certification.

H. **Refund Policy for Examination Fees.** Applicants who cancel by written notification on or before the deadline date established by the Board will receive a full examination fee refund. No refunds will be granted after the deadline date.