

1 AN ACT in relation to courts.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Court Reporters Act is amended by adding
5 Sections 8.2 and 8.5 as follows:

6 (705 ILCS 70/8.2 new)

7 Sec. 8.2. Supreme Court; collective bargaining. The
8 Supreme Court shall collectively bargain over wages, hours,
9 and terms and conditions of employment of all persons
10 employed as court reporters in this State. The Supreme Court
11 shall recognize an exclusive bargaining representative of
12 persons employed as court reporters in this State, if that
13 representative makes a showing, through an election or
14 otherwise, that it represents a majority of the court
15 reporters, in accordance with procedures for verifying
16 majority status established by the Court.

17 (705 ILCS 70/8.5 new)

18 Sec. 8.5. Advisory arbitration.

19 (a) All matters concerning wages, hours, and terms and
20 conditions of employment of court reporters are subject to
21 advisory, non-binding arbitration.

22 (b) Any party to a collective bargaining agreement with
23 the exclusive bargaining representative chosen under Section
24 8.2 may request that any matter concerning wages, hours, or
25 terms and conditions of employment of court reporters shall
26 be submitted to advisory, non-binding arbitration and that
27 the Supreme Court shall appoint arbitrators. Upon receiving
28 such a request, the Court shall appoint a panel of one or
29 more arbitrators and submit the matter to the panel for
30 advisory, non-binding arbitration. The Court shall consult

1 with the parties in determining acceptable arbitrators.

2 (c) Arbitrators appointed by the Supreme Court under
3 this Section are entitled to compensation and to
4 reimbursement for their reasonable expenses actually incurred
5 in performing their duties, as provided by rules adopted by
6 the Court. Arbitrators' compensation and reimbursement shall
7 be paid from moneys appropriated for that purpose.

8 (d) The Supreme Court shall create a roster of
9 arbitrators who are available and qualified for appointment
10 under this Section, as provided by rules adopted by the
11 Court.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.