

By Senator Simmons

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2       An act relating to court reporter registry; creating  
 3       s. 25.389, F.S.; providing legislative intent;  
 4       requiring the Supreme Court to create and administer a  
 5       court reporter registry; requiring the registry to be  
 6       posted on the Supreme Court website; requiring court  
 7       reporters to register with the Supreme Court by a  
 8       specified date; requiring court reporters to update  
 9       their information within a specified time; providing  
 10      an effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 14       Section 1. Section 25.389, Florida Statutes, is created to  
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16       25.389 Court reporter registry.—

17       (1) LEGISLATIVE INTENT.—

18       (a) The Legislature recognizes that court reporters manage  
 19      volumes of confidential information and are the impartial record  
 20      keepers in court and in deposition proceedings.

21       (b) The Legislature finds that the creation of a court  
 22      reporter registry will improve consumer protection and provide  
 23      court reporter accountability, protect confidential information,  
 24      and provide the ability to locate transcripts and other records  
 25      if a court reporter moves his or her office or leaves the state.

26       (2) CREATION.—There is created and administered within the  
 27      Supreme Court a court reporter registry. The Supreme Court must  
 28      post the registry on its website.

29       (3) REGISTRATION.—

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30       (a) By July 1, 2020, each court reporter must register with  
31 the Supreme Court his or her name, address, phone number, e-mail  
32 address, and method of reporting, such as stenography, voice, or  
33 digital, and must list each professional credential the reporter  
34 holds with the identity of the professional association that  
35 issued the credential, for inclusion in the court reporter  
36 registry. The Supreme Court shall add the court reporter's  
37 information in the registry after the court reporter has  
38 submitted a completed registration on a form created by the  
39 court.

40       (b) Each court reporter must update his or her name,  
41 address, phone number, or e-mail address within 30 days after  
42 any change to his or her information.

43       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.