

House Bill No. 849

An act relating to regulation of foreign language court interpreters; requiring the Supreme Court to establish standards and procedures for qualifications, certification, conduct, discipline, and training of appointed foreign language court interpreters; requiring the Supreme Court to set fees for certification applications; specifying the use and deposit of such fees; authorizing the Supreme Court to appoint or employ personnel for certain administration assistance purposes; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. The Supreme Court shall establish minimum standards and procedures for qualifications, certification, professional conduct, discipline, and training of foreign language court interpreters who are appointed by a court of competent jurisdiction. The Supreme Court shall set fees to be charged to applicants for certification and renewal of certification as a foreign language court interpreter. The revenues generated from such fees shall be used to offset the costs of administration of the certification program and shall be deposited into the Operating Trust Fund within the state courts system. The Supreme Court may appoint or employ such personnel as is necessary to assist the court in administering this section.

Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2006.

Approved by the Governor June 20, 2006.

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