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Overview

This bill updates outdated court reporter statutes, provides for direct appeals of certain referee orders, and amends provisions relating to perjury and verification of court documents.

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- 1 Commitment papers; duty of court administrator. Strikes requirement to submit transcript of sentencing proceedings to detention facility.
- **Court documents.** Exempts the following, additional documents from the notarization requirement: documents presented in support of a request for a court order, warrant, or other relief. Provides that presenting a document to a judge or judicial officer for signature constitutes verification under oath.
- **Referee orders.** Requires a direct appeal to the Court of Appeals for review of referee orders in probate and civil commitment proceedings.
- **Expedited child support process.** Moves language on expedited child support hearings reported through electronic recording equipment.
- **Appointment, duties, bond; substitutes.** Strikes outdated court reporter provisions including bond and oath requirements and employment provisions applying to temp reporters.
- **Record.** Updates obsolete terminology.
- **Salaries.** Strikes outdated salary provisions that are now contained in the judicial branch personnel policies and collective bargaining agreements.

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8 Charge for transcript. Strikes the old statutory rate that may be charged for a transcript and replaces it with a current reference to the rate set by the chief justice.

- **Venue.** Adds a venue provision in the perjury statute. Provides that a violation relating to false statements in court documents may be prosecuted where the statement was signed or filed.
- **Repealer.** Repeals the following outdated statutes:
 - 484.72 electronic recording of court proceedings; authorization and limitations.
 - 486.05, subd. 1a court reporter expenses.
 - 525.112 Hennepin County court reporter salary provisions.