

April 15, 1999

S 1055. CERTAIN COURT REPORT SERVICES. TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF A COURT REPORTING SERVICE THAT HAS AN INTEREST WHEN A DEPOSITION IS TAKEN. Amends GS 1A-1, Rule 28(c) as title indicates. Prohibits taking of deposition when contract for reporting is between court reporter and an attorney, party to action or party with financial interest in action. Does not apply if contract for services is with government or when contract relates to particular action pending in court. Effective Oct. 1, 1999 for contracts entered on or after that date.

Intro. by Wellons.

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GS 1A

April 28, 1999

S 1055. CERTAIN COURT REPORT SERVICES. Intro. 4/15/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Changes effective date to clarify that act applies to depositions taken (was, contracts entered into) on or after Oct. 1, 1999.

June 14, 1999

S 1055. CERTAIN COURT REPORT SERVICES. Intro. 4/15/99. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. (1) Reorganizes the bill's provisions to make clear that the parties may by stipulation permit the taking of a deposition before a court reporter who would otherwise be disqualified by the bill. Sets out requirements for notice of intent to use such a court reporter by stipulation. (2) Specifies that the disqualification added by the bill applies to court reporters working under a blanket contract for services with an attorney of the parties, a party to the action, or a party having a financial interest in the action. Defines blanket contract to mean a contract to perform the court reporting services over a fixed period of time or for an indefinite period of time, rather than on a case by case basis, or any other arrangement which compels, guarantees, regulated, or controls the use of particular court reporting services in future cases. (3) Adds a new provision specifying that a person is prohibited from taking a deposition under any contractual agreement that requires transmission of the original transcript without the transcript having been certified as provided in Rule 30(f) by the person before whom the deposition was taken.