

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE  
FIRST SESSION  
**LEGISLATIVE BILL 213**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Ashford, 20

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Committee: Judiciary

A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to courts; to amend sections 24-514 and  
2 25-2732, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change  
3 provisions relating to tape recorders and recording; and  
4 to repeal the original sections.

5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. Section 24-514, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3           24-514 The State of Nebraska shall pay, with funds  
4 appropriated to the Supreme Court, all salaries, benefits, and  
5 expenses related to the education and travel of judges and  
6 employees of the county courts. The state shall also pay, with  
7 funds appropriated to the Supreme Court, the following operational  
8 costs of the county courts:

9           (1) Computer hardware and software used for data  
10 processing;

11           (2) Computer hardware and software used for word  
12 processing if the costs are incurred on equipment owned by the  
13 state;

14           (3) Communication line costs arising from data and word  
15 processing pursuant to subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section;  
16 and

17           (4) ~~Tape~~ Multi-track recorders, microphones, and playback  
18 units used to create verbatim records of county court proceedings.

19           The county shall pay any county court expense not  
20 provided for in this section. All property purchased by the  
21 county as a county court expense before September 9, 1993, or on or  
22 after September 9, 1993, shall remain the property of the county.

23           Sec. 2. Section 25-2732, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
24 Nebraska, is amended to read:

25           25-2732 (1) Testimony in all civil and criminal cases

1 in county court shall be preserved by ~~tape recording~~, multi-track  
2 recorders, but the court may order the use of a court reporter in  
3 any case.

4 (2) Standards for equipment for ~~tape~~ recording testimony  
5 and rules for using such equipment shall be prescribed by the  
6 Supreme Court. Such standards shall require that the equipment be  
7 capable of multiple-track recording and of instantaneous monitoring  
8 by the clerk or other court employee operating the equipment.

9 (3) The transcription of such testimony, when certified  
10 to by the stenographer or court reporter who made it and settled by  
11 the court as such, shall constitute the bill of exceptions in the  
12 case. The cost of preparing the bill of exceptions shall be paid  
13 initially by the party for whom it is prepared.

14 (4) The procedure for preparation, settlement, signature,  
15 allowance, certification, filing, and amendment of a bill of  
16 exceptions shall be governed by rules of practice prescribed by the  
17 Supreme Court.

18 Sec. 3. Original sections 24-514 and 25-2732, Reissue  
19 Revised Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.