

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1938

BY: LARASON

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS; REQUIRING CERTAIN DISTRICT JUDGES TO ATTEND CERTAIN PROGRAMS; REQUIRING CHIEF JUSTICE OF OKLAHOMA SUPREME COURT TO ESTABLISH RULES FOR JUDICIAL TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR CERTAIN DISTRICT JUDGES; PROVIDING SPECIFICATION OF PROGRAMS; PROVIDING COMPLETION TIME PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR CURRICULUM; PROVIDING FOR PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE TRAINING; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 121.2 of Title 20, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. In addition to any other qualifications required by law, district judges hearing juvenile and domestic relations cases shall be required to complete the training programs required by this section.

B. The Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court shall provide by rule or by order for a program of initial orientation and a program of continuing education for district judges having juvenile or domestic relations docket responsibilities.

1. The orientation program shall be designed for newly elected or appointed district judges, shall require a minimum of forty (40) hours of training, and shall be completed within one (1) year after appointment or election.

2. The continuing education program shall require a minimum of twelve (12) hours of training annually.

3. The curriculum for the orientation and the continuing education programs shall include, but not be limited to, training in juvenile law and procedures, domestic relations law and procedures, family dynamics, child abuse and neglect, and the children and youth service system as defined by Section 600 of Title 10 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. Failure to complete the required training shall constitute grounds for removal from office.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1992.

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