

SHORT TITLE: Cities and towns and arbitration; relating to arbitration board hearing; clarifying language; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 1162

By: Henry

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An Act relating to cities and towns and arbitration;
amending 11 O.S. 1991, Section 51-108, which
relates to arbitration board hearing; clarifying
language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 11 O.S. 1991, Section 51-108, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 51-108. A. The arbitration board, selected pursuant to Section 51-107 of this title, acting through its chairman shall call a hearing to be held within ten (10) days after the date of the appointment of the chairman and shall, acting through its chairman, give at least seven (7) days' notice in writing to each of the other two arbitrators, the bargaining agent and the corporate authorities of the time and place of such hearing. The hearing shall be informal and the rules of evidence prevailing in judicial proceedings shall not be binding. Any and all documentary evidence and other data deemed relevant by the arbitrators may be received in evidence. The arbitrators shall have the power to administer oaths and to require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses, the production of books, records, and other evidence relative or pertinent to the issues presented to them for determination.

B. A hearing shall be concluded within twenty (20) days from the time of commencement. Within ten (10) days after the conclusion of the hearing, the arbitrators shall issue a written opinion containing findings and recommendations with respect to the issues presented. A copy of said opinion shall be mailed or otherwise delivered to the bargaining agent and the corporate authorities.

C. The corporate authorities are authorized, but not required, to adopt the majority opinion of the arbitrators and if adopted the agreement shall be binding upon the bargaining agent and the corporate authorities. Provided, however, if the majority opinion of the arbitrators is not adopted, the corporate authorities shall be required to resume the collective bargaining process as provided in Section 51-105 of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.

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