

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1908

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to courts; requiring certain district judges to obtain certain continuing education; providing completion time period; providing for curriculum; authorizing the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court to establish rules for judicial training programs for certain district judges; providing specification of programs; providing for penalty for failure to complete training; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 93.1 of Title 20, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Pursuant to the authority granted to the Legislature pursuant to subsection (g) of Section 8 of Article 7 of the Oklahoma Constitution to require additional qualifications for district judges, any district judge elected, reelected or appointed after July 1, 1994, who hears juvenile or domestic relations cases, in addition to any other qualifications required by law, shall be

required to complete educational requirements specified by this section.

B. 1. Each district judge elected, reelected or appointed after July 1, 1994 shall obtain a minimum of twelve (12) hours of continuing education specified by this subsection, which 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 continuing education programs shall include, but not be limited to, training in gender bias prevention, 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. The Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court may 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.

D. Failure to complete the required continuing education shall constitute grounds for removal from office

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

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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