

SHORT TITLE: Counties and county officers; modifying certain responsibility of county sheriffs; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

SENATE BILL NO. 455

By: Robinson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to counties and county officers;
amending 19 O.S. 1991, Section 547, as amended by
Section 3, Chapter 285, O.S.L. 1992 (19 O.S. Supp.
1994, Section 547), which relates to under-
sheriffs, deputies, jailers and bailiffs; requiring
county sheriffs to have just cause to revoke
certain appointments; limiting appointment power of
sheriffs; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 1991, Section 547, as
amended by Section 3, Chapter 285, O.S.L. 1992 (19 O.S. Supp. 1994,
Section 547), is amended to read as follows:

Section 547. A. The sheriff shall be responsible for the
official acts of his undersheriff and deputy sheriffs, and may
revoke ~~such~~ the appointments ~~at his pleasure~~ only for just cause.
The sheriff or the undersheriff may in writing depute certain
persons to do particular acts.

B. Each sheriff may appoint ~~as many~~ reserve force deputy
sheriffs as ~~are~~ necessary to preserve the peace and dignity of the
county. A current list of each person holding such appointment
shall be maintained by the county sheriff and shall be available to
the public. Reserve force deputy sheriffs may perform duties which
encompass a particular act or a series of acts. A sheriff or
salaried deputy sheriff shall accompany a reserve force deputy

sheriff in the performance of all duties assigned to such reserve force deputy sheriff unless such reserve deputy has completed the required one-hundred-twenty-hour basic police course. Reserve force deputies may receive compensation for their services. Such reserve deputy sheriffs shall complete a one-hundred-twenty-hour basic police course within twelve (12) months after they have been commissioned to be paid by the county as an individual reserve deputy.

C. The sheriff or ~~his~~ designee may deputize municipal police officers subject to an interlocal governmental agreement to combine city and county law enforcement efforts and to encourage cooperation between city and county law enforcement officials. Liability for the conduct of any municipal police officers deputized under the terms and conditions of an interlocal governmental agreement shall remain the responsibility of their municipal employer.

SECTION 2. 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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