ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1827

By: Hamilton and Settle of the House

and

Haney and Hobson of the Senate

(District Courts - budget categories - effective date - emergency)

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

SECTION 1. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, the District Courts shall budget all funds in the following categories and amounts:

Category	Appropriation	Total
Court Operations	$0.00	$0.00

SECTION 2. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, the annual compensation of officials and employees of the district courts payable monthly from appropriated funds shall not exceed the following schedule, exclusive of overtime and longevity payments, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

TITLE	NUMBER AUTHORIZED	ANNUAL SALARY
District Judge	0.0	$0.00
Associate District Judge		
County Population over 30,000	0.0	$0.00
County Population 10,000 to 30,000	0.0	$0.00

County Population under 10,000	0.0	$0.00
Special Judge	0.0	$0.00

SECTION 3. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, the annual compensation of officials and employees of the district courts payable monthly from appropriated funds shall not exceed the following schedule, exclusive of overtime and longevity payments, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

TITLE	NUMBER AUTHORIZED	ANNUAL SALARY RANGE	
		MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Court Reporter	0.0	$0.00	$0.00
Trial Court Administrator	0.0	$0.00	$0.00
Secretary to Administrative Presiding Judge of the Judicial District	0.0	$0.00	$0.00
Secretary Bailiff	0.0	$0.00	$0.00
Budget Analyst	0.0	$0.00	$0.00
TOTAL	0.0		

SECTION 4. A. Payments made by local court funds to the State Judicial Fund pursuant to Section 1308 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes during fiscal year 1998 may be totally or partially refunded upon approval by the Chief Justice to meet unpaid expenses authorized by Section 1304 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes. All such refunds shall be paid from the Supreme Court Revolving Fund.

B. When local court funds are insufficient to meet unpaid expenses authorized by Section 1304 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes or outstanding liabilities for constitutionally mandated services and items of expense, a claim may be filed with the Administrative Office of the Courts by a Court Fund Governing Board, or by the person or corporation to whom money is due as verified by

the Court Fund Governing Board or by the Administrative Office of the Courts. All such claims shall be filed with the Administrative Office of the Courts by July 31, 1998. All such claims may be paid from the Supreme Court Revolving Fund upon approval of the Chief Justice.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 6. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of February, 1997.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1997.

President of the Senate