

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2245

By: Paulk and Ervin of the
House

and

Herbert and Long of the
Senate

An Act relating to counties and county officers; permitting certain county sheriffs to employ general counsel; setting forth duties of general counsel; amending 19 O.S. 1991, Section 1507, which relates to number of credit cards issued and amount of charges allowed; increasing the amount of credit cards which may be issued in certain counties; increasing the amount of charges allowed in certain counties; 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 527 of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The sheriff in a county having a population of at least four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) persons according to the latest Federal Decennial Census shall have the authority to employ a general counsel to advise or represent the sheriff and the office of the sheriff in the performance of the official duties of that office.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 1991, Section 1507, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1507. A. The number of credit cards issued and the amount of charges allowed for credit cards issued by counties shall be subject to the following limits:

1. For counties with a population less than fifty thousand (50,000) persons, according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, no more than two cards shall be issued. The aggregate amount of credit for all such cards issued shall not exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00);
2. For counties with a population of fifty thousand (50,000) to one hundred thousand (100,000) persons, according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, no more than four cards shall be issued. The aggregate amount of credit for all such cards issued shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00); ~~and~~
3. For counties with a population ~~in excess~~ of one hundred thousand (100,000) to four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) persons, according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, no more than six cards shall be issued. The aggregate amount of credit for all such cards issued shall not exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00); and
4. For counties with a population in excess of four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) persons, according to the latest Federal

Decennial Census, no more than twenty-four credit cards shall be issued. The aggregate amount of credit for all such cards shall not exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00).

B. The sheriff of each county shall issue cards when such cards are required for expenditures incurred in connection with travel outside the county and the sheriff shall remain responsible for proper use of all cards issued.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of May, 1998.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 12th day of May, 1998.

President of the Senate