

and

Settle and Satterfield of  
the House

An Act relating to counties and county officers;  
amending 19 O.S. 1991, Section 180.58, as amended  
by Section 2, Chapter 334, O.S.L. 1993 and Section  
3, Chapter 334, O.S.L. 1993 (19 O.S. Supp. 1996,  
Sections 180.58 and 180.71), which relate to  
salaries and compensation; modifying determination  
of factors of net valuation of tangible taxable  
property and taxable valuation of property in  
county for certain purposes; providing an effective  
date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 1991, Section 180.58, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 334, O.S.L. 1993 (19 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 180.58), is amended to read as follows:

Section 180.58 A. Sections 180.58 through 180.68 of this title shall apply to all counties which do not approve an exemption of household goods of the heads of families and livestock employed in support of the family from ad valorem taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution.

B. The purpose of Sections 180.58 through 180.68 of this title is to codify and revise the laws of the state relating to the salaries and wages of county officers and their deputies and employees, and to establish said salaries and wages by general law applicable throughout the state under a uniform schedule fixing such salaries and wages and future increases and reductions thereof upon the following bases:

1. The available revenues of the several counties out of which such salaries and wages may be paid;
2. The amount of services required to be performed;
3. The monetary value of such services in relation to that of nongovernmental services of similar nature in the areas wherein such services are performed; and
4. The relative amounts of services required of the various county officers, their deputies and employees upon investigation and full consideration of the applicable facts.

C. The Legislature has determined that the foregoing bases of such schedule gradations generally are cognate to the combination of the following factors:

1. The net valuation of all tangible taxable property of the county (total taxable valuation less homestead exemption allowances except those additional homestead exemptions authorized and allowed pursuant to Section 2890 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes), hereinafter referred to as "service-ability"; and

2. The population of the county, hereinafter referred to as the "service-load".

The application of said factors properly establishes a rational and relevant formula for uniformity of salaries and wages and of future increases and decreases thereof.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 334, O.S.L. 1993 (19 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 180.71), is amended to read as follows:

Section 180.71 A. Sections 180.71 through 180.83 of this title shall apply to all counties which approve an exemption of household goods of the heads of families and livestock employed in support of the family from ad valorem taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 6 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution.

B. The purpose of Sections 180.71 through 180.83 of this title is to codify and revise the laws of the state relating to the salaries and wages of county officers and their deputies and employees, and to establish said salaries and wages by general law applicable throughout the state under a uniform schedule fixing such salaries and wages and future increases and reductions thereof upon the following bases:

1. The available revenues of the several counties out of which such salaries and wages may be paid;

2. The amount of services required to be performed;

3. The monetary value of such services in relation to that of nongovernmental services of similar nature in the areas wherein such services are performed; and

4. The relative amounts of services required of the various county officers, their deputies and employees upon investigation and full consideration of the applicable facts.

C. The Legislature has determined that the foregoing bases of such schedule gradations generally are cognate to the combination of the following factors:

1. The total amount of revenue authorized to be collected from the millage rate levied against the taxable valuation of property within the county, including such revenue which would have otherwise been authorized to be collected if the provisions of Section 2890 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes had not been enacted, which is apportioned for county purposes pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 9 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereinafter referred to as "service-ability"; and

2. The population of the county, hereinafter referred to as the "service-load".

The application of said factors properly establishes a rational and relevant formula for uniformity of salaries and wages and of future increases and decreases thereof.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 4. 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.