

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1003

By: Beutler

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; amending 21 O.S. 1991, Sections 550 and 551, which relate to common barratry; modifying definition of common barratry; providing specific penalty; repealing 21 O.S. 1991, Section 552, which relates to proof required for conviction of common barratry; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 1991, Section 550, is amended to read as follows:

Section 550. Common barratry is the practice of exciting groundless judicial proceedings or filing groundless notices or claims for the purpose of slandering title to land.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 1991, Section 551, is amended to read as follows:

Section 551. Common barratry is a misdemeanor, punishable by fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 3. REPEALER 21 O.S. 1991, Section 552, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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