

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1572

By: Thornbrugh

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to counties and county officers;
amending 19 O.S. 1991, Section 547, as last amended
by Section 4, Chapter 109, O.S.L. 1996 (19 O.S.
Supp. 1996, Section 547), which relates to
deputizing persons and interlocal governmental
agreements; modifying language; and providing an
effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 1991, Section 547, as last
amended by Section 4, Chapter 109, O.S.L. 1996 (19 O.S. Supp. 1996,
Section 547), is amended to read as follows:

Section 547. A. The sheriff shall be responsible for the
official acts of the undersheriff and deputy sheriffs, and may
revoke such appointments at the pleasure of the sheriff. 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~~ the 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. The sheriff may pay reserve force deputies for travel expenses pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act. 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. The sheriff may pay for additional training courses attended by reserve force deputies.

C. The sheriff or a 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. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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