

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 450

By: Wilkerson of the Senate
and
Askins of the House

An Act relating to the Attorney General; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 21b, which relates to employee positions; providing gender neutral language; providing investigators peace officer powers and authority; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 21b, is amended to read as follows:

Section 21b. The following positions are hereby created in the Office of the Attorney General in lieu of all positions previously existing in said office: One First Assistant Attorney General, and such other Assistant Attorneys General, investigators, and other employees as the Attorney General shall deem necessary for the proper performance of his or her duties.

The Attorney General shall appoint and fix the duties and compensation of all Assistant Attorneys General, investigators, and other employees necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Attorney General by law, payable from appropriations made for such purposes.

The investigators of the Attorney General's Office and such other employees as the Attorney General shall designate to perform duties in the investigation and prevention of crime and the enforcement of the criminal laws of the state, shall have and exercise all the powers and authority of peace officers, including the right and power of search and seizure and arrest.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. 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 Senate the 22nd day of February, 1999.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____ ,
1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives