

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1713

By: Vaughn and Davis of the
House

and

Snyder of the Senate

An Act relating to courts; amending 20 O.S. 1991, Section 95.1, which relates to places of holding district court; providing for establishment of court outside of county seat under certain circumstances; requiring request to be included in certain budget; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 1991, Section 95.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 95.1 A. Unless and until the Supreme Court or the Presiding Judge of the judicial administrative district provides otherwise, the District Court shall hold court in the county seat of every county in the district, in any city where a Superior Court held sessions and at such other places within the district as the District and Associate District Judges shall prescribe.

B. If a governing board of the Court Fund receives a request from a municipality that court be held within that municipality and the board determines that sufficient reasons exist for establishing a court and that sufficient funds and space for a court are made available by the municipality, the board may establish a court, presided over by a special judge, in that municipality. The request to hold court in a municipality shall be included in the budget submitted by the governing board of the Court Fund to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and approved by the Chief Justice.

SECTION 2. 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 House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 25th day of May, 1999.

President of the Senate