

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1619

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to counties and county officers; creating the Board on County Officer Compensation; setting forth membership; establishing chairperson; prohibiting board members from being certain employees; setting forth certain residency requirement; authorizing board to meet on certain day and in certain year; setting forth certain duties; establishing certain time when compensation change effective; prohibiting increase or decrease in salary during term of office; permitting additional meetings; requiring salary change to be made by certain day; establishing quorum; setting forth terms; permitting board members to elect certain officers; prohibiting board members from being lobbyists; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 180.58a of Title 19, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There shall be created in each of the counties in this state a Board on County Officer Compensation. The Board shall be composed of thirteen (13) members. The county sheriff, county treasurer, court clerk, county clerk, and county assessor shall appoint two members each to the Board. Each of the county commissioners shall appoint one member to the Board. One member appointed by the county sheriff shall be from a religious organization. One member appointed by the county treasurer shall be from the communications media. One member appointed by the court clerk shall be from a civic organization. One member appointed by the county clerk shall be from a manufacturing organization. One member appointed by the county assessor shall be from an agricultural organization. The members appointed by the county commissioners shall be from retail

businesses. The remaining members appointed shall be from civic organizations, manufacturing, and other professional fields not otherwise specified.

B. The chairperson of the Board shall be designated by the county sheriff. No member of the Board shall be a county officer or employee of any state, county, or municipal government. Each member of the Board shall be a resident of the county.

C. The Board shall meet on the third Tuesday of October in every odd-numbered year in the county courthouse to review the salary or compensation paid to each of the county officers in accordance with the county officer salary provisions set forth in Sections 180.58 through 180.83 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Board shall have the power to change, if necessary, such salary or compensation within the salary parameters set forth by law. Any change in the salary or compensation shall become effective on the first day of the new term of the county officer following the general election. In no event shall the salary be increased or decreased during the term of office in accordance with Section 180.63e of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes and Section 10 of Article XXIII of the Oklahoma Constitution. The Board may, at the call of the chairperson or upon a majority vote of its membership, hold such additional meetings as are necessary to carry out its official duties. Any change in the salary or compensation shall be made by the Board no later than the third Tuesday of November in the odd-numbered year.

D. Seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of the quorum shall be necessary for the Board to act. The members of the Board shall serve terms which run concurrently with the terms of the respective appointing authorities and shall serve at their pleasure. The Board shall elect such other officers from their membership as they deem necessary. No Board member shall

be a lobbyist as required to be registered pursuant to the Oklahoma Campaign Compliance and Ethical Standards Act.

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

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