

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

SENATE BILL NO. _____

By: Herbert of the Senate

and

Paulk of the House

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. 1998, Section 547), which relates to reserve force deputy sheriffs; modifying number of hours which may be worked by reserve force deputies; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 98. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 1991, Section 547, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 109, O.S.L. 1996 (19 O.S. Supp. 1998, 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 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. Each reserve force deputy sheriff shall serve on a part-time basis and shall perform duties only while on authorized duty. The calculation for part-time reserve force deputy sheriff shall be as follows:

1. For counties having a total population of less than two hundred thousand (200,000) persons, a reserve force deputy sheriff shall serve not more than one hundred ten (110) hours per calendar month; and

2. For counties having a total population of two hundred thousand (200,000) or more persons, a reserve force deputy sheriff shall serve not more than one hundred forty (140) hours per calendar month. Provided, however, nothing in this section shall modify training required pursuant to the provisions of Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

~~C.~~ D. 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 1. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

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