

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 719

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 935, which relates to the responsibilities of the Chief Medical Examiner; allowing the delegation of duties to specified persons; allowing the appointment and assignment of specified persons; requiring district medical examiner be a licensed physician; allowing Chief Medical Examiner to direct certain persons to enter another district for specified reason; requiring specified districts to be coextensive with one or more counties; allowing Chief Medical Examiner to enter into certain agreements; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 935, is amended to read as follows:

Section 935. A. The Chief Medical Examiner shall be directly responsible to the Board of Medicolegal Investigations for the performance of the duties provided for in this act and for the administration of the office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The Chief Medical Examiner may, ~~however,~~ delegate specific duties to competent and qualified ~~deputies who~~ district medical examiners, deputy medical examiners and deputy medical examiners employed on a contract basis. A deputy medical examiner may act for the Chief Medical Examiner within the scope of the express authority granted by ~~him~~ the Chief Medical Examiner, subject, ~~however,~~ to such rules as the Board may prescribe.

B. The Chief Medical Examiner shall appoint district medical examiners and deputy medical examiners who shall serve at the pleasure of the Chief Medical Examiner. The State Medical Examiner

may assign deputy medical examiners to districts to work under the supervision of a district medical examiner. The district medical examiner shall be a licensed physician. When deemed necessary by the Chief Medical Examiner, the Chief Medical Examiner may direct a deputy or district medical examiner to enter another district for the purpose of carrying out medicolegal investigations.

C. Any district created by the Chief Medical Examiner to be staffed by a district medical examiner shall be coextensive with one or more counties.

D. The Chief Medical Examiner may enter into agreements for services to be performed by deputy medical examiners on a contract basis.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

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.

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