

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 2673

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An Act relating to cities and towns; authorizing members of municipal governing body to attend certain institute; stating purpose; providing for curriculum and locations for institutes; providing exception for attendance; requiring certain notification; 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 8-114 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Each person elected for the first time as a member of a municipal governing body on or after January 1, 2005, may, within one (1) year after taking the oath of office, attend an institute for municipal officials. The institute shall be conducted at all times by or under the supervision of a statewide organization, to be selected by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, that is exempt from taxation pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3), and has been in existence for at least ten (10) years. The statewide organization shall demonstrate that its continuous official purpose is to promote the general welfare of cities and towns, to foster or conduct schools, short courses and other training sessions, to provide technical assistance and consultative services and other aids for the improvement and increased efficiency of city and town government, and to serve as the representative of cities and towns

in carrying out the duties and prerogatives conferred on it by state law. The institute shall consist of twelve (12) hours of instruction. A certificate of completion shall be awarded to those persons who attend and successfully complete the institute.

B. The curriculum for the institute shall include, but not be limited to: parliamentary procedure, municipal budget process, the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, the Oklahoma Open Records Act, ethics, conflict of interest, and purchasing procedures.

C. The institute shall be held in at least two locations in the state.

D. No elected official shall be required to attend the institute if travel of more than one hundred twenty-five (125) miles from the residence of the official would be required; however, every effort shall be made by the institute to accommodate training through long-distance learning.

E. The official designated to receive filings from candidates for municipal offices shall notify the candidate of the option for attendance at the institute as provided for in this section. In the case of officials nominated and elected for municipal offices at town meetings, the presiding officer of the town meeting shall notify the candidate of the option.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2004.

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