

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1502

By: Wilkerson of the Senate
and
Lamons of the House

[criminal procedure - jurisdiction and venue -
criminal offenses - codification -
emergency]

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 125.1 of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Venue for criminal actions to enforce the provisions of Section 2 of this act, including criminal actions with respect to each of the alleged offenses included within a pattern of criminal offenses, as defined in Section 2 of this act, that have allegedly been committed, attempted or conspired to be committed by a person or persons, shall be in any county in which at least one alleged criminal offense has occurred that constitutes part of the alleged pattern of criminal offenses, it being the intent of this section that one district court may have jurisdiction over all the conduct, persons and property which are part of, or are directly related to, each and all of the alleged criminal offenses forming part of the alleged pattern of criminal offenses. It is discretionary, not mandatory, to bring all criminal actions in one county when an alleged pattern of criminal offenses involves two or more counties.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 425 of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any person who engages in a pattern of criminal offenses in two or more counties in this state or who attempts or conspires with others to engage in a pattern of criminal offenses shall, upon conviction, be punishable by imprisonment in the Department of Corrections for a term not exceeding two (2) years, or imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding one (1) year, or by a fine in an amount not more than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. Such punishment shall be in addition to any penalty imposed for any offense involved in the pattern of criminal offenses. Double jeopardy shall attach upon conviction.

B. For purposes of this act, "pattern of criminal offenses" means:

1. Two or more criminal offenses are committed that are part of the same plan, scheme or adventure;

2. A sequence of two or more of the same criminal offenses are committed and are not separated by an interval of more than thirty (30) days between the first and second offense, the second and third, and so on; or

3. Two or more criminal offenses are committed, each proceeding from or having as an antecedent element a single prior incident or pattern of fraud, robbery, burglary, theft, identity theft, receipt of stolen property, false personation, false pretenses, obtaining property by trick or deception, taking a credit or debit card without consent, or the making, transferring or receiving of a false or fraudulent identification card.

C. Jurisdiction and venue for a pattern of criminal offenses occurring in multiple counties in this state shall be determined as provided in Section 1 of this act.

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.

Passed the Senate the 25th day of February, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2004.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives