

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 80

By: Morgan and Robinson of the  
Senate

and

Mitchell and Bonny of the  
House

An Act relating to the district courts; making appropriations to the Supreme Court for the district courts; stating purpose; providing budgetary limits; requiring budgeting of certain funds in certain categories and amounts; limiting salaries of certain employees; providing budgetary limitations on certain full-time-equivalent employees; authorizing the total or partial refund of payments to the State Judicial Fund by local court funds under certain circumstances; providing procedures; authorizing expenditure from the Supreme Court Revolving Fund in certain circumstances; making appropriations nonfiscal; providing lapse dates; requiring and prohibiting certain budget practices; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Supreme Court from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, the sum of Eight Million Two Hundred Thirty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Twenty-one Dollars (\$8,239,521.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the district courts by law.

SECTION 2. There is hereby appropriated to the Supreme Court from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the State Judicial Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, the sum of Twenty-nine Million Eight Hundred Eighty-seven Thousand Twenty-seven Dollars (\$29,887,027.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the district courts by law.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated to the Supreme Court from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the State Judicial Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002, the sum of One Million Seven Hundred Seventy Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$1,770,519.00) or so much thereof as may be

necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the district courts by law.

SECTION 4. There is hereby appropriated to the Supreme Court from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the Special Cash Fund of the State Treasury, the sum of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the district courts by law.

SECTION 5. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, the Supreme Court shall budget all funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the operation of the district courts in the following categories and amounts:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Court Operations	\$40,897,067.00	\$43,197,067.00

SECTION 6. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, the annual compensation of the following employees of the district courts payable monthly from appropriated funds shall not exceed the following schedule, exclusive of overtime and longevity payments, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
Secretary to Administrative Presiding Judge of the Judicial District	\$21,575.00	\$30,526.00
Secretary Bailiff	\$19,854.00	\$28,221.00

SECTION 7. The district courts, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees excluding active retired judges, and except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

TITLE	NUMBER AUTHORIZED
District Judge	74.0
Associate District Judge	
County Population over 30,000	32.0
County Population under 30,000	45.0
Special Judge	84.0
<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	643.0
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$0.00

SECTION 8. A. Payments made by local court funds to the State Judicial Fund pursuant to Section 1308 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, may be totally or partially refunded upon approval by the Chief Justice to meet unpaid expenses authorized by Section 1304 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes. All such refunds shall be paid from the Supreme Court Revolving Fund.

B. When local court funds are insufficient to meet unpaid expenses authorized by Section 1304 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes or outstanding liabilities for constitutionally mandated services and items of expense, a claim may be filed with the Administrative Office of the Courts by a Court Fund Governing Board, or by the person or corporation to whom money is due as verified by the Court Fund Governing Board or by the Administrative Office of the Courts. All such claims shall be filed with the Administrative Office of the Courts by July 31, 2004. All such claims may be paid from the Supreme Court Revolving Fund upon approval of the Chief Justice.

SECTION 9. Appropriations made by this act, not including appropriations made for capital outlay purposes, may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 (hereafter FY-04), or may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005 (hereafter FY-05). Funds budgeted for FY-04 may be encumbered only through June 30, 2004, and must be expended by November 15, 2004. Any funds remaining after November 15, 2004, and not budgeted for FY-05, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. Funds budgeted for FY-05 may be encumbered only through June 30, 2005. Any funds remaining after November 15, 2005, shall lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year. These appropriations may not be budgeted in both fiscal years simultaneously. Funds budgeted in FY-04, and not required to pay obligations for that fiscal year, may be budgeted for FY-05, after the agency to which the funds have been appropriated has prepared and submitted a budget work program revision removing these funds from the FY-04 budget work program and after such revision has been approved by the Office of State Finance.

SECTION 10. This act shall become effective July 1, 2003.

SECTION 11. 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 28th day of May, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 29th day of May, 2003.

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