

ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT  
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ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1637

By: Nance of the House

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An Act relating to counties and county officers;  
amending 19 O.S. 2001, Section 1407, which relates to  
county budget board; modifying language; and  
providing an effective date.

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause  
and entire bill and insert

"[ county government - task force to study county  
government budget boards - noncodification -  
effective date -  
emergency ]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until December 31, 2005, the task  
force to study county government budget boards.

B. The task force shall be composed of the following members:

1. Four members to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
the Senate; and

2. Four members to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
Representatives.

C. The chair of the Senate General Government and the chair of  
the House of Representatives County and Municipal Government  
Committee shall serve as cochairs of the task force. The cochairs  
shall convene the first meeting of the task force on or before July  
15, 2005.

D. The task force shall focus on:

1. Testimony from agencies, groups, and individuals who are knowledgeable about the specific issues that relate to county government budget boards;
2. Proposing necessary statutory amendments or changes;
3. Communicating any relevant findings with recommendations for needed action to the Legislature and the Governor; and
4. Submitting a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature by December 31, 2005.

E. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for serving on the task force, but may receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the task force may be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, from the legislative body in which they serve; and

2. Other members of the task force may be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of duties by their respective appointing authorities in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

F. The staff of the Oklahoma State Senate and the House of Representatives shall provide staff support for the task force.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 527, is amended to read as follows:

Section 527. ~~The sheriff~~ Any county sheriff, treasurer or assessor in a county having a population of at least four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) persons according to the latest Federal Decennial Census shall have the authority to employ a general counsel, either in-house as a staff attorney or through an outside law firm, to advise or represent ~~the sheriff~~ that officer and ~~the his or her~~ office ~~of the sheriff~~ in the performance of the official

duties of that office. A general counsel employed pursuant to this section shall be compensated from the funds of the employing county office.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

SECTION 4. 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 19th day of April, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2005.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives