

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 587

By: Fisher, Corn and Leftwich  
of the Senate

and

Case, Shelton, Dorman and  
Gilbert of the House

An Act relating to cities and towns; requiring persons elected as a municipal officer to attend certain educational training institute; requiring cooperation between certain entities for certain educational training sessions; requiring certain organization to demonstrate specific qualification; providing for certificate of completion; stating curriculum parameters; providing for training at certain locations; requiring educational requirements be completed by certain date; stating consequences for failure to complete educational requirements; providing for 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 to a position of a municipality on or after January 1, 2005, shall be required within one year after taking the oath of office to attend an institute for municipal officials. The Institute shall be conducted at all times, in cooperation with the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, by or under the supervision of a statewide organization that is exempt from taxation under federal law and designated pursuant to the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C., Section 170(a). The statewide organization shall demonstrate to the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education that it has represented municipalities, had statutory functions and conducted training programs for municipalities for at least fifteen (15) years prior to the effective date of this act. It shall further 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 consultive 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.

B. The Institute shall consist of eight (8) hours of instruction. A certificate of completion shall be awarded to those persons who attend and successfully complete the Institute and a list of those persons shall be filed with the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education.

C. The curriculum for the Institute shall include, but not be limited to: municipal budget requirements, the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, the Oklahoma Open Records Act, ethics, procedures for conducting meetings, conflict of interest, and purchasing procedures.

D. The Institute shall be held at a minimum of six regional locations in the state. Every effort shall be made by the Institute to accommodate training through long-distance learning.

E. A person elected to a municipal position who fails to satisfy the education requirements of this section shall cease to hold the position commencing at the next scheduled meeting of the governing body following the first year anniversary of the person's taking the oath of office.

F. At the time of filing, the designated statewide organization shall provide the necessary information to 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, 2005.

Passed the Senate the 28th day of February, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of April, 2005.

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