

SB 1331

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27

THE STATE SENATE
Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Senate Bill No. 1331

SENATE BILL NO. 1331 - By: ALDRIDGE of the Senate and CASE of the House.

An Act relating to counties and county officers; amending 19 O.S. 2001, Section 1502, which relates to identification system for county supplies, materials and equipment; increasing limit of certain supplies and materials subject to a certain inventory system; amending 69 O.S. 2001, Section 62.4, which relates to county engineers; deleting county limit to employ certain person; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 1502, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1502. A. 1. The State Auditor and Inspector or a designated employee of the State Auditor and Inspector's office shall:

a. prescribe a uniform identification system for all supplies, materials and equipment of a county used in the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges; and

b. create and administer an inventory system for all:
(1) equipment of a county having an original cost of ~~Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)~~ Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more for use in the

1 construction and maintenance of roads and
2 bridges, and
3 (2) supplies and materials of a county purchased in
4 lots of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more
5 for use in the construction and maintenance of
6 roads and bridges.

7 Such person shall be the county road and bridge inventory officer.

- 8 2. a. In counties having a county budget board created
9 pursuant to Sections 1402 et seq. of Title 19 of the
10 Oklahoma Statutes, said board may, upon an affirmative
11 vote of a majority of all the board members then in
12 office, appoint a county road and bridge inventory
13 officer who shall be employed by the county and shall
14 have such duties as are provided in subparagraphs a
15 and b of paragraph 1 of this subsection. In the event
16 the board does not appoint a county road and bridge
17 inventory officer the State Auditor and Inspector or
18 designee shall be the county road and bridge inventory
19 officer. An appointed county road and bridge
20 inventory officer shall be under the general
21 supervision and direction of the appointing authority.
22 b. An appointed county road and bridge inventory officer
23 shall be authorized necessary assistants to carry out

1 the duties and responsibilities provided by law and as
2 may be delegated by the appointing authority.

3 Provided, the employment of such assistants shall be
4 upon the approval of the appointing authority. The
5 salary of the county road and bridge inventory officer
6 and assistants shall be fixed by the appointing
7 authority.

8 c. An appointed county road and bridge inventory officer
9 shall, at the expense of the county, be authorized
10 adequate office space, furnishings, equipment and
11 supplies to carry out the duties and responsibilities
12 of the county road and bridge inventory officer as
13 provided by law and as may be delegated by the
14 appointing authority. Provided, the acquisition of
15 such furnishings, equipment and supplies shall be upon
16 the approval of the appointing authority and the
17 acquisition of office space shall be upon the approval
18 of the board of county commissioners.

19 B. The board of county commissioners shall:

20 1. Prescribe a uniform identification system for all supplies,
21 materials and equipment of a county not used in the construction and
22 maintenance of roads and bridges; and

23 2. Create and administer an inventory system for all:

- 1 a. equipment of a county having an original cost of ~~Two~~
2 ~~Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)~~ Five Hundred Dollars
3 (\$500.00) or more and not used in the construction and
4 maintenance of roads and bridges, and
- 5 b. supplies and materials of a county purchased in lots
6 of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or more and not
7 used in the construction and maintenance of roads and
8 bridges.

9 The board of county commissioners may designate an employee of that
10 office to administer such inventory system.

11 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2001, Section 62.4, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 62.4 ~~(a)~~ A. The board of county commissioners of each
14 county shall employ one or more full- or part-time county engineers,
15 who shall perform the duties as provided by law. The county
16 engineer shall receive as compensation a salary to be fixed by the
17 board of county commissioners for his services on road and bridge
18 and other work appertaining thereto, and all necessary and actual
19 expenses incident thereto.

20 ~~(b)~~ B. Any person employed as county engineer may be relieved
21 of his duties by the board of county commissioners.

22 ~~(c)~~ C. The county engineer shall be registered as a
23 professional engineer or certified as an engineer-in-training by the

1 State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land
2 Surveyors pursuant to Sections 475.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the
3 Oklahoma Statutes, and shall have a practical knowledge of civil
4 engineering, be skilled in bridge, culvert and road building and in
5 laying of drains and general road work and be active and diligent in
6 the discharge of his duties.

7 ~~(d)~~ D. The boards of county commissioners ~~of no more than ten~~
8 ~~counties~~ may enter into an agreement to jointly employ a county
9 engineer. Such agreement shall be written and entered in the
10 minutes of each participating board of county commissioners. The
11 engineer employed under such agreement shall be the designated
12 county engineer for each of the respective counties.

13 ~~(e)~~ E. In the event a board of county commissioners determines
14 that it cannot afford to employ a full-time county engineer, or if
15 it cannot enter into an agreement with other counties to jointly
16 employ a part-time county engineer, then said board shall enter into
17 an agreement with the Department of Transportation for the provision
18 of necessary county engineering services. Any engineering services
19 provided by the Department of Transportation shall be furnished
20 without cost or expense to the county. However, nothing in this
21 section shall be construed to relieve a board of county
22 commissioners of the responsibilities or costs associated with the
23 efficient and necessary construction and maintenance of roads,

1 bridges, culverts and drainage projects within its jurisdiction, or
2 as otherwise provided by law. Road funds shall be withheld from any
3 county failing to employ or utilize county engineering services as
4 provided herein.

5 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 2-27-06
7 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.