

3 Senate Bill No. 36

4 SENATE BILL NO. 36 - By: GARRISON of the Senate and ROUSSELOT of the  
5 House.

6 An Act relating to counties and county officers; amending 19  
7 O.S. 2001, Sections 180.65 and 180.81, which relate to  
8 deputies; modifying cap on certain deputies salaries;  
9 deleting reference to safety director or coordinator;  
10 providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 180.65, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 180.65 A. The officers named in paragraph 1 of Section  
15 180.61 of this title shall have such number of regular or technical  
16 deputies, assistants, investigators, evidence persons, aides,  
17 stenographers or reporters, technicians, undersheriffs, jailers,  
18 matrons, handwriting and fingerprint experts, probation officers,  
19 juvenile officers, bailiffs, or other help, whatever title the  
20 principal officer may ascribe to the duties or functions to be  
21 performed as authorized by law and clearly related to the proper  
22 accomplishment of lawful functions, whether on whole or part-time  
23 basis, at such rates of salary or pay, subject to the provisions of  
24 this section as hereinafter set forth, as the principal officer may  
25 propose and establish the need of and which the county excise board  
26 may approve, for the adequate accomplishment of the functions of the

1 office and the performance of the duties imposed thereon by law,  
2 with due weight being given to employment on whole or part-time  
3 basis. However, no such employments shall exceed the amount of  
4 lawful funds appropriated for such purpose.

5 B. Each principal officer named in paragraph 1 of Section  
6 180.61 of this title, except judges, shall designate of record in  
7 the office of the county clerk a first or chief deputy or assistant  
8 who shall be chargeable with all the duties of such principal  
9 officer, while subject to the direction of the same. The first or  
10 chief deputy or assistant shall carry on the duties of the office  
11 during the absence of the principal officer or, in the event of the  
12 death, removal or resignation of said principal officer, until a  
13 successor shall have qualified. During periods of vacancy of the  
14 principal office, resulting from the death, removal or resignation  
15 of the principal officer, the chief deputy or assistant shall be  
16 bonded in the same manner and in the same sum as required for the  
17 principal officer.

18 ~~C. If the principal officer has more than one deputy or~~  
19 ~~assistant The first or chief deputy or assistant to any officer, as~~  
20 ~~authorized by subsection B of this section, shall receive a salary~~  
21 ~~not to exceed ninety percent (90%) of the salary of the principal~~  
22 ~~officer, that person or those persons whom the principal officer may~~  
23 ~~designate as "second deputy" or "second assistant" shall receive a~~

1 ~~salary not to exceed eighty percent (80%) of the salary of the~~  
2 ~~principal officer~~ No deputy shall receive a salary in excess of the  
3 principal officer. The salaries set forth in this subsection within  
4 the limitations shall be such amounts as the principal officer may  
5 propose and establish the need for and which the county excise board  
6 may approve within salary and staffing requirements as may be  
7 prescribed by law. The numerical rank of any deputy or assistant to  
8 be effective must be by designation of the principal officer by the  
9 signature of the principal officer and filed with the county clerk.  
10 The numerical rank of any deputy or assistant shall be within the  
11 sole discretion of the principal officer.

12 D. ~~No other deputy, aide, assistant or other person named in~~  
13 ~~subsection A of this section may be paid at a salary rate in excess~~  
14 ~~of eighty percent (80%) of the salary of the principal officer and,~~  
15 ~~subject to this limitation, the salary or rate of pay of such~~  
16 ~~subordinate shall be determined by the principal officer and the~~  
17 ~~county excise board based upon responsibility, risks, skills,~~  
18 ~~training, and experience required for such position and afforded by~~  
19 ~~the subordinate. However, the eighty percent (80%) limitation shall~~  
20 ~~not apply to county officers employing only two deputies or~~  
21 ~~technical help on a part-time contract or wage basis within the~~  
22 ~~amount of lawful appropriations for such purposes, by and with the~~  
23 ~~consent and approval of the county commissioners. The criteria~~

1 ~~stated in this subsection shall not apply to reserve force deputy~~  
2 ~~sheriffs.~~

3 ~~E. The salary paid to such deputies, assistants, or other~~  
4 ~~persons shall not exceed ninety percent (90%) or eighty percent~~  
5 ~~(80%), respectively, of the total salary paid to such principal~~  
6 ~~officers.~~

7 ~~F.~~ The board of county commissioners shall continue to have the  
8 authority to recommend the total amount of funds that can be used  
9 for the combined salaries in each of the county offices covered by  
10 this act. However, the approval of the funding for such offices  
11 shall continue to be the responsibility of the county excise board.  
12 County officers shall have no authority to make salary commitments  
13 beyond the amount of the funding so provided.

14 ~~G.~~ E. The county excise board shall meet with each of the  
15 principal officers of the county in budget planning conference or  
16 conferences, before July 1 of each year, to discuss personnel needs  
17 for each office for the succeeding fiscal year. The excise board  
18 shall provide the principal officers a tentative estimate of  
19 anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year prior to the budget  
20 planning conferences.

21 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 180.81, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

1           Section 180.81 A. The officers named in paragraph 1 of Section  
2 180.73 of this title shall have such number of regular or technical  
3 deputies, assistants, investigators, evidence persons, aides,  
4 stenographers or reporters, technicians, undersheriffs, jailers,  
5 matrons, handwriting and fingerprint experts, probation officers,  
6 juvenile officers, bailiffs, or other help, whatever title the  
7 principal officer may ascribe to the duties or functions to be  
8 performed as authorized by law and clearly related to the proper  
9 accomplishment of lawful functions, whether on whole or part-time  
10 basis, at such rates of salary or pay, subject to the provisions of  
11 this section as hereinafter set forth, as the principal officer may  
12 propose and establish the need of and which the county excise board  
13 may approve, for the adequate accomplishment of the functions of the  
14 office and the performance of the duties imposed thereon by law,  
15 with due weight being given to employment on whole or part-time  
16 basis. However, no such employments shall exceed the amount of  
17 lawful funds appropriated for such purpose.

18           B. Each principal officer named in paragraph 1 of Section  
19 180.73 of this title, except judges, shall designate of record in  
20 the office of the county clerk a first or chief deputy or assistant  
21 who shall be chargeable with all the duties of such principal  
22 officer, while subject to the direction of the same. The first or  
23 chief deputy or assistant shall carry on the duties of the office

1 during the absence of the principal officer or, in the event of the  
2 death, removal or resignation of said principal officer, until a  
3 successor shall have qualified. During periods of vacancy of the  
4 principal office, resulting from the death, removal or resignation  
5 of the principal officer, the chief deputy or assistant shall be  
6 bonded in the same manner and in the same sum as required for the  
7 principal officer.

8 C. ~~The first or chief deputy or assistant to any officer, as~~  
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2 sole discretion of the principal officer.

3 ~~D. No other deputy, aide, assistant or other person named in~~  
4 ~~subsection A of this section may be paid at a salary rate in excess~~  
5 ~~of eighty percent (80%) of the salary of the principal officer and,~~  
6 ~~subject to this limitation, the salary or rate of pay of such~~  
7 ~~subordinate shall be determined by the principal officer and the~~  
8 ~~county excise board based upon responsibility, risks, skills,~~  
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8 for each office for the succeeding fiscal year. The excise board  
9 shall provide the principal officers a tentative estimate of  
10 anticipated revenues for the next fiscal year prior to the budget  
11 planning conferences.

12 ~~H. In any county with a population in excess of three hundred~~  
13 ~~fifty thousand (350,000), the safety director or coordinator~~  
14 ~~appointed pursuant to Section 403 of Title 40 of the Oklahoma~~  
15 ~~Statutes shall receive a salary not to exceed the salary of the~~  
16 ~~first or chief deputy or assistant to any officer as set forth in~~  
17 ~~subsection C of this section.~~

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

19 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
20 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 2-21-05  
24 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.