

1 THE STATE SENATE
2 Tuesday, March 1, 2005

3 Senate Bill No. 478

4 SENATE BILL NO. 478 - By: CRAIN of the Senate and PETERS and COOKSEY
5 of the House.

6 An Act relating to county officers; amending 19 O.S. 2001,
7 Section 527, which relates to employment of general counsel;
8 modifying officers authorized to employ general counsel;
9 making language gender neutral; directing certain
10 compensation; and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 527, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 527. ~~The sheriff in a county having a population of at~~
15 ~~least four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) persons according to the~~
16 ~~latest Federal Decennial Census~~ Any county officer shall have the
17 authority to employ a general counsel, either in-house as a staff
18 attorney or through an outside law firm, to advise or represent ~~the~~
19 ~~sheriff~~ that officer and ~~the~~ his or her office ~~of the sheriff~~ in the
20 performance of the official duties of that office. A general
21 counsel employed pursuant to this section shall be compensated from
22 the funds of the employing county office.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.

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