

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

HOUSE BILL 1167

By: Bengel and Newport of the  
House

and

Morgan and Crutchfield of  
the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the district courts; providing budgetary limits; requiring budgeting of certain funds in certain categories and amounts; limiting salaries of certain employees; providing budgetary limitations on certain full-time-equivalent employees; authorizing the total or partial refund of payments to the State Judicial Fund by local court funds under certain circumstances; providing procedures; authorizing expenditure from the Supreme Court Revolving Fund in certain circumstances; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the Supreme Court shall budget all funds appropriated or otherwise made available for the operation of the district courts in the following categories and amounts:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Court Operations	\$0.00	\$0.00

SECTION 2. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, the annual compensation of the following employees of the district courts payable monthly from appropriated funds shall not exceed the following schedule, exclusive of overtime and longevity payments, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

MINIMUM

MAXIMUM

Secretary to Administrative

Presiding Judge of the

Judicial District \$0.00 \$0.00

Secretary Bailiff \$0.00 \$0.00

SECTION 3. The district courts, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees excluding active retired judges, and except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

TITLE	NUMBER AUTHORIZED
District Judge	0.0
Associate District Judge	
County Population over 30,000	0.0
County Population under 30,000	0.0
Special Judge	0.0
<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	0.0
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$0.00

SECTION 4. A. Payments made by local court funds to the State Judicial Fund pursuant to Section 1308 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, may be totally or partially refunded upon approval by the Chief Justice to meet unpaid expenses authorized by Section 1304 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes. All such refunds shall be paid from the Supreme Court Revolving Fund.

B. When local court funds are insufficient to meet unpaid expenses authorized by Section 1304 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes or outstanding liabilities for constitutionally mandated services and items of expense, a claim may be filed with the Administrative Office of the Courts by a Court Fund Governing Board, or by the person or corporation to whom money is due as verified by

the Court Fund Governing Board or by the Administrative Office of the Courts. All such claims shall be filed with the Administrative Office of the Courts by July 31, 2006. All such claims may be paid from the Supreme Court Revolving Fund upon approval of the Chief Justice.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective July 1, 2005.

SECTION 6. 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.

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