

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2750

By: Thompson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to counties and county officers; amending 19 O.S. 2001, Section 516, which relates to sheriffs; expanding duties and powers as a peace officer; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 516, is amended to read as follows:

Section 516. A. It shall be the duty of the sheriff, undersheriffs and deputies to keep and preserve the peace of their respective counties, and to quiet and suppress all affrays, riots and unlawful assemblies and insurrections, for which purpose and for the service of process in civil and criminal cases, and in apprehending or securing any person for felony or breach of the peace, they and every constable may call to their aid such person or persons of their county as they may deem necessary.

B. The sheriff of each respective county shall be the chief law enforcement officer of the county. In addition to the duties pursuant to subsection A of this section, it shall be the duty of the sheriff to coordinate and administer any and all necessary personnel and activities in efforts with the Department of Homeland Security, courthouse security, law enforcement communications, and emergency management that may be required for the security and well-being of the county.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

SECTION 3. 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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