

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1048

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to revenue and taxation; establishing requirements for educational accreditation for members of county excise boards; providing for forfeiture of office upon failure to achieve accreditation and for filling resulting vacancy; prescribing subject matter for initial accreditation and continuing education; requiring Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government Technology and State Auditor and Inspector to provide educational materials, classes and examinations necessary for accreditation and continuing education requirements; requiring the Center to maintain certain records and information and to provide specified information to the State Auditor; requiring State Auditor to issue specified certification; authorizing the Center to charge certain fee; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3006a of Title 68, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning January 1, 2007, all members of county excise boards shall be required to achieve educational accreditation as prescribed by this section. Such accreditation shall be achieved within the time prescribed. Failure to achieve such accreditation shall result in forfeiture of office. A vacancy created for failure to achieve such accreditation shall be filled in the manner provided by law.

B. Accreditation for persons designated in subsection A of this section shall consist of initial accreditation and continuing education as follows:

1. Within one (1) year from the effective date of this act or within eighteen (18) months of initial appointment, whichever is later, each member of a county excise board shall be required to successfully complete initial accreditation. Initial accreditation shall consist of successful completion of one (1) academic unit. The academic unit shall consist of basic concepts and principles of the county budget process as prescribed by the County Budget Act and the State Auditor and Inspector pursuant to Section 1410 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes and of the legal responsibilities of county excise boards; and

2. Before January 1, 2009, and once each year thereafter, each member of a county excise board shall be required to successfully complete continuing education consisting of training regarding any pertinent changes in the Oklahoma Statutes. If no pertinent changes in law have occurred, the continuing education requirement for that year shall be suspended.

C. The Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government Technology, in cooperation with the State Auditor and Inspector, shall develop curriculum materials, appropriate study resources and examinations for accreditation and continuing education requirements established in this section. The Center for Local Government Technology, in cooperation with the State Auditor and Inspector, shall provide necessary classes, seminars and materials in support of the accreditation and continuing education requirements.

D. For purposes of the administration of the accreditation and continuing education requirements, the Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government Technology shall be responsible for keeping an official record as to the accreditation and continuing education of individual county excise board members. Such record shall be the sole responsibility of Oklahoma State University and shall be defined as an open record under the Oklahoma Open Records Act. The Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government

Technology shall be responsible for forwarding only the pass/fail results of individual testing to the State Auditor and Inspector. The State Auditor and Inspector shall issue certificates of accreditation and continuing education to all persons who have so qualified. The Center may charge a reasonable fee to defray the cost of sponsoring the continuing education and accreditation academic units required by this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 2007.

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