

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 348

6 By: Myers

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8 An Act relating to cities and counties; authorizing
9 municipalities to offer reward for convictions
10 relating to theft and defacing municipal property;
11 authorizing municipalities to establish reward fund;
12 authorizing certain fines to be deposited in reward
13 fund; providing exception; amending 19 O.S. 2001,
14 Section 455, which relates to county reward funds;
15 modifying amount of certain rewards and reward funds;
16 providing for codification; and declaring an
17 emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 14-114 of Title 11, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. A municipal governing body is authorized to offer and pay a
23 reward, from municipal funds, in an amount not to exceed One
24 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the arrest and conviction, or for
evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of any person stealing
or defacing municipal road signs or other municipal owned property.

1 B. The municipal governing body may create and maintain a
2 reward fund from which to pay the rewards provided for in subsection
3 A of this section. The municipal governing body shall determine the
4 amount and source of funds necessary to pay the rewards authorized
5 in subsection A of this section.

6 C. Any person convicted of theft or defacing municipal road
7 signs or other municipal owned property may, in lieu of other fines
8 and penalties, be required to deposit like amount into the reward
9 fund established pursuant to this section.

10 D. A municipal governing body shall not be required to provide
11 rewards or create a reward fund pursuant to the provisions of this
12 section.

13 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 455, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 455. A. The board of county commissioners of each
16 county is hereby authorized to offer and pay a reward, from county
17 funds, in an amount not to exceed ~~One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)~~ One
18 Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for the arrest and conviction, or for
19 evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of any person stealing
20 or defacing county road signs or any other county property.

21 B. The board of county commissioners may create and maintain a
22 reward fund ~~of not to exceed Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00)~~ Two
23 Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) from which to pay the rewards provided
24 for in subsection A of this section.

1 C. Any person convicted under subsection A of this section, may
2 in lieu of the fine, be required to deposit like amount into the
3 county reward fund.

4 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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