

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1254

By: Miller and Martin (Scott)  
of the House

and

Johnson (Mike) and Myers of  
the Senate

An Act relating to the Supreme Court; authorizing transfer of certain funds; requiring budgeting in certain categories and amounts; providing for duties and compensation of employees of the Supreme Court and the Court of Civil Appeals; providing budgetary limitations; providing lapse dates; requiring and prohibiting certain budget procedures; authorizing transfer from the Law Library Revolving Fund; authorizing transfer from the Lengthy Trial Fund; authorizing transfer from the Oklahoma Court Information System Revolving Fund; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. From the appropriation made in Section 121 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 216 of the 1st Session of the 52nd Oklahoma Legislature, the sum of Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$950,000.00) is authorized to be transferred to the Supreme Court Revolving Fund for expenditures authorized by Section 1310.1 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the Supreme Court shall budget all funds in the following categories and amounts:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Court Operations	\$15,841,964.00	\$53,341,964.00
Legal Aid Services Contract	1,083,306.00	1,103,306.00

Dispute Mediation	<u>942,671.00</u>	<u>1,007,671.00</u>
TOTAL	\$17,867,941.00	\$55,452,941.00

SECTION 3. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Supreme Court by law shall be set by the Supreme Court Justices by majority vote.

SECTION 4. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Court of Civil Appeals by law shall be set by the Court of Civil Appeals, subject to the approval of the Supreme Court.

SECTION 5. The Supreme Court and the Court of Civil Appeals for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees, excluding active retired judges, and expenditures, excluding expenditures for capital and special projects and excluding lawful expenditures from the State Judicial Fund, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	215.0
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$50,000.00

SECTION 6. Appropriations made by Sections 121, 122, and 123 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 216 of the 1st Session of the 52nd Oklahoma Legislature, not including appropriations made for capital outlay purposes, may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010 (hereafter FY-10), or may be budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011 (hereafter FY-11). Of those appropriations, any remaining cash balance on November 15, 2010, may be transferred to the Supreme Court Administrative Revolving Fund and may be used as needed for any lawful purpose as determined by the Administrative Director of the Courts, with the approval of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in his or her sole discretion, including, but not limited to, appellate and district court expenditures. The Office of State Finance shall, at the request of the Administrative Director of the Courts, transfer from the Supreme Court Administrative Revolving Fund to the district courts an amount not

to exceed the budget limits for the district courts. These appropriations may not be budgeted in both fiscal years simultaneously. Funds budgeted in FY-10, and not required to pay obligations for that fiscal year, may be budgeted for FY-11, after the agency to which the funds have been appropriated has prepared and submitted a budget work program revision removing these funds from the FY-10 budget work program and after such revision has been approved by the Office of State Finance.

SECTION 7. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the Office of State Finance shall, at the request of the Administrative Director of the Courts, transfer from the Law Library Revolving Fund to the Supreme Court Administrative Revolving Fund an amount not to exceed Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) that the Administrative Director of the Courts, with the approval of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in his or her sole discretion, shall deem appropriate or necessary including, but not limited to, appellate and district court expenditures.

SECTION 8. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the Office of State Finance shall, at the request of the Administrative Director of the Courts, transfer from the Lengthy Trial Fund to the Supreme Court Administrative Revolving Fund an amount not to exceed Four Million Dollars (\$4,000,000.00) that the Administrative Director of the Courts, with the approval of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in his or her sole discretion, shall deem appropriate or necessary including, but not limited to, appellate and district court expenditures.

SECTION 9. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, the Office of State Finance shall, at the request of the Administrative Director of the Courts, transfer from the Oklahoma Court Information System Revolving Fund into the State Judicial Retirement Fund an amount not to exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) to pay the employer contributions for all active members of the Uniform Retirement System.

SECTION 10. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

SECTION 11. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of May, 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 26th day of May, 2009.

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