

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Thursday, April 2, 2009

ENGROSSED

Senate Bill No. 348

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 348 - By: MYERS of the Senate and DEWITT AND SANDERS of the House.

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

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

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

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

8 B. The municipal governing body may create and maintain a reward fund from  
9 which to pay the rewards provided for in subsection A of this section. The municipal

1 governing body shall determine the amount and source of funds necessary to pay the  
2 rewards authorized in subsection A of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 04-  
2 01-09 - DO PASS.