

SB 997

Senate Bill No. 997
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 997 - By: Coffee of the Senate and Dank of the House.

[attorneys - inactive status - fee requirements - effective date]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 5 O.S. 2001, Section 18, is amended to read as follows:

Section 18. A. The requirement for payment of annual dues pursuant to Section 1 of Article VIII of the Bar Association Rules shall be voluntary. Any payment of such dues shall be made solely at the discretion of a person who has been admitted to practice as an attorney in this state.

~~A.~~ B. Any person who has been admitted to practice as an attorney in this state, who is a member in good standing of the bar of this state, and who meets all requirements for licensure in this state may apply for status as an inactive member of the bar.

~~B.~~ C. The application for such status shall contain:

1. The ~~person's~~ attorney's name, bar number, residence address, telephone number or numbers where he or she can be reached;
2. The reason or reasons ~~he~~ the attorney desires such status;

1 3. A statement that ~~he~~ the attorney understands that, while on
2 such status, he or she may not do anything which constitutes the
3 practice of law while in this state;

4 4. A statement that ~~he~~ the attorney has notified all of his or
5 her clients in this state that he or she is no longer practicing in
6 this state; and

7 5. An affidavit that the information given is true and correct.

8 ~~C.~~ D. Immediately upon receipt of the application, the Supreme
9 Court or its designee shall acknowledge the application and enter
10 the person's name on a roll of inactive attorneys.

11 ~~D.~~ E. While on inactive status, an attorney shall not be
12 required to complete any continuing legal education requirements ~~and~~
13 ~~shall be required to pay only twenty percent (20%) of the annual~~
14 ~~dues of an active member.~~

15 ~~E.~~ F. While on inactive status, an attorney shall not receive
16 the Oklahoma Bar Journal or any other services from the Oklahoma Bar
17 Association ~~except upon such terms and conditions, including payment~~
18 ~~of charges and fees, as shall be established by the Association.~~

19 ~~F.~~ G. Once on inactive status, an attorney may reactivate his
20 or her license to practice ~~upon payment of the equivalent of one~~
21 ~~year's annual dues to the Association and~~ upon successful completion
22 of one year's mandatory continuing legal education requirement.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

1 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-18-09 - DO
2 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.