

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 1009

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to courts; amending 20 O.S. 2001,  
8 Section 91.2, as amended by Section 16, Chapter 368,  
9 O.S.L. 2004 (20 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 91.2), which  
10 relates to dockets; authorizing creation of a  
11 veterans docket; stating legislative findings;  
12 authorizing creation of certain court division in  
13 specified districts; requiring promulgation of  
14 certain rules; providing for codification; and  
15 providing an effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2001, Section 91.2, as  
18 amended by Section 16, Chapter 368, O.S.L. 2004 (20 O.S. Supp. 2008,  
19 Section 91.2), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 91.2 A. To facilitate the trial and disposition of  
21 cases, actions filed in the district court shall be assigned to  
22 various dockets by the clerk of the court pursuant to the direction  
23 and supervision of the presiding judge of the district. Until  
24 changed by order of the Supreme Court, only the following dockets  
are established: a civil docket, a criminal docket, a traffic  
docket, a probate docket, a juvenile and family relations docket, a

1 small claims docket, ~~and~~ a business docket for business court  
2 divisions of the court created pursuant to Section ~~17~~ 91.7 of this  
3 ~~act~~ title, and a veterans docket for veterans court divisions of the  
4 court created pursuant to Section 2 of this act.

5 B. Whenever a district court establishes a drug court program  
6 pursuant to the provisions of Sections 471 through 471.11 of Title  
7 22 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the judge having authority over the  
8 program shall cause to be established a drug court docket. In those  
9 cases assigned to the drug court docket, the judge shall determine  
10 what information or pleadings are to be maintained in a confidential  
11 case file which shall be closed to public inspection. The  
12 originating criminal case file shall remain open to public  
13 inspection. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the district  
14 attorney, defense attorney, or the victim-witness coordinator from  
15 advising any victim or other person regarding the assignment or  
16 disposition of a drug court case.

17 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 91.8 of Title 20, unless there  
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The Oklahoma Legislature finds that, due to the need to  
21 provide a system of treatment, rehabilitation, education, employment  
22 and judicial monitoring to combat veterans who have entered the  
23 criminal justice system, there is a need for a court in Oklahoma's  
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1 most populated counties with specific jurisdiction over actions  
2 involving such veterans.

3 B. The Supreme Court is authorized to create a veterans court  
4 division within the district court of any judicial district  
5 containing a municipality with a population in excess of three  
6 hundred thousand (300,000), according to the latest Federal  
7 Decennial Census.

8 B. The Supreme Court shall promulgate rules for the  
9 establishment and jurisdiction of the veterans court divisions.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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