

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 667

By: Wyrick

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to counties and county officers;  
8 amending 19 O.S. 2001, Section 444, which relates to  
9 publication of proceedings; authorizing counties to  
10 make schedules and certain information about certain  
meetings available on the Internet; stating type of  
information required; and providing an effective  
date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 444, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 444. A. 1. It shall be the mandatory duty of the  
17 board of county commissioners to cause to be published in a  
18 newspaper published in the county, a full and complete report of all  
19 its official proceedings at each regular and special meeting, except  
20 blanket purchase orders, within the time provided for in Sections  
21 445 and 446 of this title, and the board of county commissioners  
22 shall pay for the same from the appropriation as provided in this  
23 section, however, if the county has an Internet website, such  
24 information may be made available on such website that is accessible

1 by the general public. The information made available shall include  
2 the date, time, place, agenda, and all the official proceedings of  
3 such meeting; and

4 2. The board of county commissioners may also order the  
5 publication of the official proceedings in a newspaper printed in  
6 any other than the English Language whenever it shall deem it  
7 necessary for the better information of the inhabitants.

8 B. The board of county commissioners may omit the listing of  
9 all employees and their salaries approved for payment in the monthly  
10 publication of proceedings. However, it shall be the mandatory duty  
11 of the board of county commissioners to cause to be published a full  
12 and complete report of all the county employees and their salaries  
13 paid annually. An asterisk shall be placed in front of the names of  
14 employees paid for less than the full twelve (12) months of the  
15 preceding calendar year. The listing shall reflect the gross salary  
16 of every employee reported to the Internal Revenue Service on the  
17 W-2 Form of the employee. Such annual publication of the employees  
18 and their salaries shall be published annually in the month of  
19 February for the preceding calendar year in a newspaper of the  
20 county which meets the requirements set forth in Section 106 of  
21 Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

22 C. It shall also be the mandatory duty of the board of county  
23 commissioners and the county excise board, each fiscal year, to take  
24 such steps as may be necessary and proper under the statutes

1 relating to estimates of needs and appropriations, to appropriate,  
2 in the General Government account within the general fund of the  
3 county, an amount sufficient to pay for the publication of all such  
4 proceedings during the fiscal year, at the legal rate therefor, but  
5 in no event less than the total of legal claims for publication of  
6 such proceedings during the immediately preceding fiscal year.

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

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