

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 997

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to attorneys; amending 5 O.S. 2001,
8 Section 18, which relates to inactive status; making
9 payment of certain dues voluntary; removing certain
10 fee requirements; making language gender neutral; and
11 providing an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

3 2. The reason or reasons ~~he~~ the attorney desires such status;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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