

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2578

By: Mulready of the House

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4 Brinkley of the Senate

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8 An Act relating to counties and county officers;
9 authorizing the board to contract with a collection
10 agency; providing for collection of fees; providing
11 for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 339.7 of Title 19, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. The board of county commissioners may enter into a contract
17 with a collection agency for the provision of collection services
18 for one or more of the following items:

19 1. Debts and accounts receivable including, but not limited to,
20 unpaid fees, penalties, interest, and other sums due the county, as
21 applicable; or

22 2. Court penalties, costs, fines and fees in cases in district
23 court in which the accused has failed to appear or otherwise failed
24 to satisfy a monetary obligation ordered by the court.

1 B. The board of county commissioners that enters into a
2 contract with a collection agency pursuant to this section may
3 authorize the addition of a collection fee in an amount not to
4 exceed thirty-five percent (35%) on each item described in
5 subsection A of this section that has been referred by the county to
6 the collection agency for collection. If a county enters into such
7 contract with a collection agency and authorizes the collection fee,
8 the court shall order defendants to reimburse the fee arising
9 pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section and such
10 court-ordered fee may be collected as provided by law for the
11 collection of any other civil debt or criminal action.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

13 Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2012.

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Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

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18 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2012.

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