

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 53rd Legislature (2012)

4 HOUSE BILL 2578

 By: Mulready

7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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17 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated
18 02/23/2012 - DO PASS.

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UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.
BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments.
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.