



1 arrested, every grand juror, district attorney, clerk, judge, or  
2 other officer, who, excepting by issuing or in executing a warrant  
3 to arrest the defendant, willfully discloses the ~~fact~~ content of a  
4 sealed presentment or indictment ~~having been made for a felony,~~  
5 until the defendant has been arrested, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

6 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 385, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Section 385. An indictment, when found by the grand jury, must  
9 be presented by their foreman, in their presence, to the court, and  
10 must be filed with the clerk, and remain in ~~his~~ the clerk's office  
11 as a public record, ~~and except as provided by law, it may not be~~  
12 ~~inspected or its contents revealed, until the defendant has been~~  
13 ~~arrested.~~ Upon the request of the grand jury's legal advisor, the  
14 presiding judge of the grand jury may order the indictment sealed  
15 until the defendant is arrested.

16 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 18p-10 of Title 74, unless there  
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. The Office of the Attorney General is hereby authorized to  
20 establish an Oklahoma Witness Protection Program and is authorized  
21 to use monies from the Attorney General's Evidence Fund created  
22 pursuant to Section 19 of this title or from federal grants for the  
23 implementation of the Program. The Witness Protection Program may  
24 be made available to witnesses who are actively aiding in the

1 prosecution of dangerous perpetrators and who are in danger of  
2 bodily harm or death by participating in the prosecution. The  
3 Attorney General shall administer the Oklahoma Witness Protection  
4 Program.

5 B. Funds may be provided for the support of a participant in  
6 the Witness Protection Program. Support may include, but shall not  
7 be limited to, temporary living costs, moving expenses, rent,  
8 security deposits, or other appropriate expenses of relocation or  
9 transition.

10 C. The Attorney General is authorized to promulgate rules  
11 necessary to implement the Oklahoma Witness Protection Program.

12 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 04/03/2012 - DO  
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