

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 2, 2012

3 As Amended

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE

5 BILL NO. 2578

6 By: Mulready of the House

7 and

8 Brinkley of the Senate

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

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

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

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

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

23 ~~2. Court penalties, costs, fines and fees in cases in district
24 court in which the accused has failed to appear or otherwise failed
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 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 3-26-12
14 - DO PASS, As Amended.
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