

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 March 1, 2011

3 SENATE BILL NO. 22

By: Barrington of the Senate

4 and

5 Brown of the House

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8 An Act relating to elections of judicial officers;
9 requiring certain judicial officers to make written
10 rulings and opinions available to the public for
11 certain time period; defining term; providing for
12 satisfaction of requirement upon certain procedures;
13 providing for codification; and providing an
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-102.1 of Title 26, unless
18 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 All judicial officers whose names will appear on a General
20 Election ballot shall be required to make their written rulings and
21 opinions available to the public for a period of time of at least
22 sixty (60) days before the date of the election. As used in this
23 section, "judicial officer" means a district judge or associate
24 district judge who files as a declaration of candidacy for the same
office or for another judicial office pursuant to the provisions of

1 Section 5-102 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or a Justice of
2 the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals or Judge
3 of the Court of Civil Appeals who seeks to be retained in office.
4 The provisions of this section shall be deemed to be satisfied if
5 the judicial officer designates a web site, the full address of
6 which shall be included within the declaration of candidacy, on
7 which he or she makes available a true and correct copy of all
8 written rulings issued by him or her and all written opinions issued
9 by or concurred with by him or her, for the time period required by
10 this section. Such web site shall clearly display or direct the
11 user to the information required in this section. A single web site
12 may be designated by more than one judicial officer only if the web
13 site clearly separates the information required by this section for
14 each judicial officer.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 2-16-11 - DO PASS, As
17 Coauthored.

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