

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2578

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

21 2. Court penalties, costs, fines and fees in cases in district
22 court in which the accused has failed to appear or otherwise failed
23 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.

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