

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 SENATE BILL 149

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to testimony; prohibiting judges from
8 providing certain testimony; providing exceptions;
9 providing for codification; and providing an
10 effective date.

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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 1401.1 of Title 20, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 No judge of any court in this state shall testify as a character
17 witness in any court proceeding in this state unless there has been
18 a hearing conducted by the presiding judge of the administrative
19 district and it is determined as a result of such hearing that the
20 probative value of the testimony to be offered by the judge
21 outweighs the potential of unfair prejudice as a result of the
22 testimony. In no instance shall a district judge or associate
23 district judge testify as a character witness in any court
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1 proceeding presided over by a special judge from the same judicial
2 district.

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

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