

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 626

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the county courthouses; amending
8 19 O.S. 2001, Sections 401 and 401.1, which relate to
9 courtroom space; deleting county requirement of
10 providing certain services; clarifying responsibility
of counties in providing certain services to court
related facilities; providing for codification; and
providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 401, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 401. In any county where there is no courthouse or jail
17 erected by the county, or where those erected have not sufficient
18 capacity, it shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners
19 to provide for court room, jail, and offices for the following named
20 officers: sheriff, treasurer, register of deeds, district clerk,
21 county clerk, district attorney, superintendent of public schools
22 and judge of the district court, to be furnished by the county in a
23 suitable building or buildings, for the lowest rent to be obtained
24 at the county seat, or to secure and occupy suitable rooms at a free

1 rent within the limits of the county seat or any of the additions
2 thereto, until such county builds a courthouse. ~~They shall also~~
3 ~~provide the courts appointed to be held therein, with attendants,~~
4 ~~fuel, lights and stationery, suitable and sufficient for the~~
5 ~~transaction of their business.~~ If the commissioners neglect, the
6 court may order the sheriff to make such necessary provision, and
7 the expenses incurred by ~~him~~ the sheriff in carrying the order into
8 effect, when certified by the court, shall be a county charge.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 401.1, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 401.1 In any city other than the county seat, within
12 the county, which has been designated as a court or court division
13 city under authority of Sections 95.1 through 95.5, inclusive, of
14 Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the board of county commissioners
15 may provide suitable and adequate courtroom and office space for the
16 judges of the district court and attendants, for the court clerk and
17 staff, and for a branch of the county law library where established
18 under Section 1202 of Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes, to be
19 furnished by the county in a suitable building in such city.

20 ~~The board of county commissioners shall also furnish~~
21 ~~electricity, water, other utilities, toilet facilities and~~
22 ~~janitorial service, suitable and sufficient for the transaction of~~
23 ~~court business in such facilities.~~

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1 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
2 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 404 of Title 19, unless there is
3 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

4 A county shall not be responsible for providing security,
5 telephone, and utility service for the county courthouse or any
6 annex thereto without an agreement with the Administrative Director
7 of the Courts providing that the county will be reimbursed from the
8 court fund for such services.

9 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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