

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

4 HOUSE BILL 2200

 By: Derby

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to state government; permitting the
9 state or its agencies to contract with a collection
10 agency; specifying types of debts and fees to be
11 collected; allowing addition of collection fee not to
 exceed a certain amount; requiring defendant to
 reimburse collection fee; defining term; providing
 for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 582 of Title 74, unless there is
17 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The State of Oklahoma or any of its agencies, may enter into
19 a contract with a collection agency for the provision of collection
20 services for one or more of the following items:

21 1. Debts and accounts receivable including, but not limited to,
22 unpaid fees, penalties, interest, and other sums due the State of
23 Oklahoma or any of its agencies, as applicable; or

1 2. Court penalties, costs, fines and fees in cases in which the
2 accused has failed to appear or otherwise failed to satisfy a
3 monetary obligation ordered by the court.

4 B. The State of Oklahoma or any of its agencies that enters
5 into a contract with a collection agency pursuant to this section
6 may authorize the addition of a collection fee in an amount not to
7 exceed thirty-five percent (35%) on each item described in
8 subsection A of this section that has been referred by the State of
9 Oklahoma or any of its agencies to the collection agency for
10 collection. If the State of Oklahoma or any of its agencies enters
11 into a contract with a collection agency and authorizes the
12 collection fee, the court shall order defendants to reimburse the
13 fee arising pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section
14 and the court-ordered fee may be collected as provided by law for
15 the collection of any other civil debt or criminal action.

16 C. As used in this section, "agencies" means boards,
17 commissions, committees, departments or other instrumentalities or
18 entities designated to act on behalf of the state or a political
19 subdivision.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated
23 02/07/2013 - DO PASS.
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