

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1882

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to counties and county officers;
8 authorizing counties to contract with collection
9 agency to collect certain debts; stating fees and
10 procedures; providing for codification; providing
11 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 66 of Title 19, unless there is
15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

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

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

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

13 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
14 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
15 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
16 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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