

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1231
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Impact:	OSU Cooperative Extension: Increases in Participation

Research Analysis

The committee substitute for HB 1231 requires that a county commissioner, county clerk, county treasurer, or court clerk who has served less four years in that office to complete training program relevant to their positions and receive accreditation by the Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma State University.

Further, the measure requires that within twelve months a newly elected county commissioner, court clerk, county treasurer, or court clerk with less than four years of experience in that office is accredited by the Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma State University. Failure comply with the training requirement will disqualify the county officer from being eligible for reelection to any county office.

Finally, the measure requires candidates for county commissioner, county clerk, county treasurer, and court clerk to provide proof of accreditation by the Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma State University to the county election board.

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Fiscal Analysis

Comments provided by officials with the Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service indicate an increase in participation, especially during an election cycle, is anticipated. Further, the current fee structure (\$35.00 per class) may not be adequate to offset expected increased requirements for staff, travel, materials and other related costs (see “Other Considerations” below). OSU officials acknowledged that many variables exist and the expected costs are based upon an assumed increase in participation.

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Other Considerations

Another pending measure, HB 2952, provides for an increase in the maximum amount allowed to be charged as a fee for training classes to \$100.00, which may provide funds to offset any realized cost increases to the Extension Service.

