

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 54th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1451
Version:	CS
Request Number:	6933
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Impact:	Modifies Statute/Session Law Distribution Structure

**Savings Probable:
Amount Dependent on
Options Taken**

Research Analysis

The CS for HB 1451 deletes the requirement that the Oklahoma House of Representatives provide copies of state statutes and session laws, free of charge, to each person and entity entitled by statute to receive such copies. The measure provides that digital access or printed copies may be purchased by each person and entity directly from the publisher at prices provided for in the agreement between the Chief Clerk of the House and the publisher.

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Fiscal Analysis

The provisions of the measure 1) repeal statues directing the Chief Clerk-Administrator of the Oklahoma House of Representatives to purchase and distribute printed volumes of the statutes and session laws and for county clerks to make requisition to the Clerk-Administrator for sufficient sets of such publications for each county. The measure states that officers, as listed in 75 O.S., Section 14, may purchase copies in printed or electronic form from the publisher under terms set forth in a contract between the publisher and the Purchasing Division of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES) instead of receive the publications, without cost, from the arrangement with the House.

The likely effect of the changes in the process will be that many of the listed entities will opt to not purchase the publications and utilize on-line sourcing for the material, opt to receive the publications in an electronic form or opt to purchase printed volumes. Information is insufficient to determine the decisions that might be made by the various entities and thus the potential for cost savings is unclear, but anticipated to be significant.

Supplemental appropriations totaling \$1,200,000 were made to the House in 2011 for the purpose of purchasing the decennial sets of the Oklahoma Statutes. Within that cost structure were amounts for the editorial process and for binding and delivering printed volumes. House officials indicate the unit cost of a set of the decennial statutes was \$239.94 and the cost of the printed session laws was \$73.74 for hardbound volumes and \$62.78 for those in softbound. In 2012, according to the Office of the Chief Clerk, unit costs and total orders for the supplement to the statutes and the session laws broke out thus:

Hardbound supplement

602 units at \$52.42 per unit

Softbound supplement 1,358 units at \$48.60 per unit

Hardbound two-volume session laws 266 units at \$59.50 per unit

Softbound two-volume session laws 1,444 units at \$51.00 per unit

As presented, the cost for the 2012 publications appears to have totaled \$187,026.64. Of the number of publications ordered, costs for those purchased for use in the House totaled \$14,610.74.

The Clerk's office had no available information regarding the unit cost of electronic versions of the publications.

The measure would relieve the House from the obligation to purchase and distribute the publications and any future cost would be shifted to those entities desiring to purchase through the contract with the publisher.

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Other Considerations

As the reformed distribution method is implemented, the amount of cost saving can be measured and compared to the present structure.