

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2199

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to attorneys; creating the Lawyers' Right to Work Act; making payment of dues to the Oklahoma Bar Association optional; prohibiting court and government officials from making certain inquiry; providing that payment of bar dues is not discoverable; making certain information confidential; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12.1 of Title 5, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. This section shall be known and may be cited as the "Lawyers' Right to Work Act".

B. No person who has been admitted to practice law in this state shall be required to pay dues to the Oklahoma Bar Association. Any payment of dues shall be optional at the discretion of the attorney.

C. No court or other government official may inquire whether a lawyer has paid any money to the Oklahoma Bar Association. Payment

1 of bar dues shall not be discoverable. The Oklahoma Bar Association
2 and its agents shall not allow the fact of a lawyer's payment or
3 nonpayment of bar dues to be shared with any person who is not an
4 officer or employee of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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