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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President:
Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

HB1964

By: ODonnell of the House and Newberry of the Senate

Title: Civil procedure; mandating receiver liability for willful misconduct or gross negligence.

Together with Engrossed Senate Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the Senate recede from its amendment; and
2. That the attached Conference Committee Substitute be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

SENATE CONFEREES

Newberry _____

Sykes _____

Crain _____

Griffin _____

Thompson _____

Sparks _____

Floyd _____

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1964

By: O'Donnell of the House

and

Newberry of the Senate

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to civil procedure; amending 12 O.S. 2011, Section 1557, which relates to receivers; mandating receiver liability for willful misconduct or gross negligence; providing for actual or punitive damages; specifying payment of damages; exempting liability of court for receiver actions; allowing any party to motion for receiver discipline or removal; directing court to hold hearing within specified time; declaring civil immunity for receiver; specifying receivers are subject to investigation and discipline; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 12 O.S. 2011, Section 1557, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1557. A. Whenever, in the exercise of its authority, a court shall have ordered the deposit or delivery of money or other thing, and the order is disobeyed, the court, besides punishing the

1 disobedience as for contempt, may make an order requiring the
2 sheriff to take the money, or thing, and deposit or deliver it, in
3 conformity with the direction of the court.

4 B. A receiver shall be held liable for any actual or punitive
5 damages otherwise recoverable for acts which constitute willful
6 misconduct or gross negligence committed while serving as a
7 receiver. Actual damages shall be recoverable from proceeds from
8 any applicable bond. The receiver shall be personally liable for
9 any actual damages in excess of the bond amount and all punitive
10 damages. In no event shall any punitive damages be recoverable from
11 bond proceeds. In no event shall the court be liable for any act of
12 the receiver.

13 C. Any party may motion the court for the removal or discipline
14 of a receiver for conduct that constitutes willful misconduct or
15 gross negligence. Upon the motion, the court shall conduct a
16 hearing on the motion within thirty (30) days and may remove the
17 receiver for any reason, including willful misconduct or gross
18 negligence.

19 D. Except for the liability specified in subsection B of this
20 section, a receiver acting in his or her capacity as a receiver
21 shall be immune from civil liability to the same extent as a judge
22 acting in a judicial capacity, in addition to any other immunity
23 provided by law. As appointed officers of the court, receivers
24 shall be subject to investigation by the Council on Judicial

1 Complaints and discipline by the Court on the Judiciary or the
2 Oklahoma Supreme Court.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2015.

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

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