

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1497

By: Holt of the Senate

3 and

4 Hall of the House

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6 [attorney fees - violations of the Open Meeting Act
7 - effective date]
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9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

10 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2011, Section 314, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 Section 314. A. Any person or persons willfully violating any
13 of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and
14 upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not exceeding Five
15 Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) or by imprisonment in the county jail for
16 a period not exceeding one (1) year or by both such fine and
17 imprisonment.

18 B. Following a violation of this act, any person:

19 1. May bring a civil suit for declarative or injunctive relief,
20 or both; and

21 2. If successful, shall be entitled to reasonable attorney
22 fees.
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C. If the public body successfully defends a civil suit and the court finds that the suit was clearly frivolous, the public body shall be entitled to reasonable attorney fees.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

Passed the Senate the 11th day of March, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2014.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives