

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1486

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to foreign law; stating legislative findings pertaining to certain rights and privileges; defining term; declaring certain rulings and decisions to be in violation of public policy; making certain rulings and decisions void and unenforceable; 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 20 of Title 12, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Legislature fully recognizes the right to contract freely under the laws of this state, and also recognizes that this right may be reasonably and rationally circumscribed pursuant to the state's interest to protect and promote rights and privileges granted under the United States or Oklahoma Constitution.

B. As used in this section, "foreign law", "legal code" or "system" means any law, rule, legal code or system of a jurisdiction outside of any state or territory of the United States, including,

1 but not limited to, international organizations and tribunals, and
2 applied by that jurisdiction's courts, administrative bodies or
3 other formal or informal tribunals.

4 C. Any court, arbitration, tribunal or administrative agency
5 ruling or decision shall violate the public policy of this state and
6 be void and unenforceable if the court, arbitration, tribunal or
7 administrative agency bases its rulings or decisions in the matter
8 at issue in whole or in part on any law, rule, legal code or system
9 that would not grant the parties affected by the ruling or decision
10 the same fundamental liberties, rights and privileges granted under
11 the United States and Oklahoma Constitutions.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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