

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2231

By: Mulready of the House

3 and

4 Newberry of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to counties and county officers;  
7 amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 527, which relates to  
8 employment of counsel; authorizing outside counsel in  
a deputy-involved shooting incident; and providing an  
effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 527, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 527. A. The sheriff, treasurer or assessor in a county  
15 shall have the authority to employ a general counsel, either in-  
16 house as a staff attorney or through an outside law firm, to advise  
17 or represent that officer and his or her office in the performance  
18 of the official duties of that office. The Board of County  
19 Commissioners shall approve all contracts for outside counsel. A  
20 general counsel employed pursuant to this section shall be  
21 compensated from the funds of the employing county office.

22 B. The sheriff may employ outside counsel pursuant to this  
23 section to provide immediate representation to a deputy of the  
24 sheriff in a deputy-involved shooting incident; provided, the

1 sheriff shall not continue payment to the counsel if the deputy  
2 involved is charged with any crime arising from the incident.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

4 Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of March, 2017.

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7 Presiding Officer of the House  
8 of Representatives

9 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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