

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1121

By: Martinez and Biggs of the
House

and

Bice, Loveless, Bergstrom
and Pittman of the Senate

An Act relating to domestic violence; creating the Oklahoma Domestic Violence Court Act of 2017; authorizing establishment of domestic violence court programs; defining term; authorizing certain appointment; authorizing the Administrative Office of the Courts to promulgate rules, procedures and forms; providing for codification; providing for noncodification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Domestic violence

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Domestic Violence Court Act of 2017".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 61 of Title 22, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Subject to the availability of funds, any district or municipal court of record of this state may establish and maintain a domestic violence court program pursuant to the provisions of this section.

B. For purposes of this section, "domestic violence court" means a specialized judicial process for domestic matters both civil and criminal in nature that arise out of the same family or domestic circumstance.

C. The presiding judge of a district or municipal court of record may appoint an individual judge to preside over related criminal, family and matrimonial matters that arise in the context of domestic violence. Criminal domestic violence charges, protective orders and any actions for divorce, separate maintenance, guardianship, adoption or any other proceeding involving custody or visitation between the same parties may be presented to the domestic violence court.

D. The Administrative Office of the Courts may promulgate rules, procedures and forms necessary to implement a domestic violence court to ensure statewide uniformity.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 8th day of May, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 25th day of April, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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