

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4 HOUSE BILL 2231

By: Mulready

7 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

1 B. The sheriff may employ outside counsel pursuant to this
2 section to provide immediate representation to a deputy of the
3 sheriff in a deputy-involved shooting incident; provided, such
4 employment of the counsel shall not continue if the deputy involved
5 is charged with any crime arising from the incident.

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

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8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT,
9 dated 02/22/2017 - DO PASS.
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