

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4   ENGROSSED SENATE  
5   BILL NO. 1327

By: Brown of the Senate

and

Roberts (Sean) of the House

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9       An Act relating to counties and county officers;  
10      providing that a county clerk may employ outside  
11      counsel to provide immediate representation;  
12      providing for contract approval by the Board of  
13      County Commissioners; providing terms of  
14      compensation; providing for codification; and  
15      declaring an emergency.

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

17       SECTION 1.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
18      in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 271 of Title 19, unless there is  
19      created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20       The county clerk in a county shall have the authority to employ  
21      a general counsel through an outside law firm, to advise or  
22      represent the county clerk and his or her office in the performance  
23      of the official duties of that office. The Board of County  
24      Commissioners shall approve all contracts for outside counsel. A

1 general counsel employed pursuant to this section shall be  
2 compensated from the funds of the employing county office.

3 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
4 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
5 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
6 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT,  
9 dated 03/28/2018 - DO PASS.  
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