1	SENATE FLOOR VERSION
2	April 12, 2017 AS AMENDED
3	ENGROSSED HOUSE
4	BILL NO. 1374 By: Watson of the House
5	and
6	Holt of the Senate
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8	[cities and towns - Oklahoma Public Safety Protection District Act - a resolution be submitted to the registered voters of the municipality -
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10	codification - effective date]
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12	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
13	SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14	in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 29-151 of Title 11, unless there
15	is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
16	This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Public
17	Safety Protection District Act".
18	SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19	in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 29-152 of Title 11, unless there
20	is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
21	The governing body of a municipality may initiate the creation
22	of a public safety protection district by the adoption of a
23	resolution calling for the question to be placed before the
24	registered voters of the municipality of whether to organize a

- 1 public safety protection district. The resolution shall be
- 2 | submitted to the registered voters of the municipality at the next
- 3 | general election. When a district is organized, it shall have the
- 4 powers conferred by the Oklahoma Public Safety Protection District
- 5 Act.
- 6 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
- 7 | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 29-153 of Title 11, unless there
- 8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- 9 A. A public safety protection district shall include all
- 10 territory located within the municipality.
- B. Management of the public safety protection district, as well
- 12 | as management of any employee hired from district funds, shall be
- 13 vested within the existing administration of the municipal
- 14 government that created the district.
- 15 C. Budgetary oversight shall be vested within the existing
- 16 legislative body of the municipal government that created the
- 17 district.
- 18 D. A public safety protection district created pursuant to this
- 19 act shall be deemed a political subdivision of this state.
- 20 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
- 21 | in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 29-154 of Title 11, unless there
- 22 | is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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A. The costs of an election to establish a district shall be paid by the municipality in the proportions determined by the county election board conducting the special election.

- B. The election to determine whether a district shall be established, and the notice thereof, shall be conducted in the same manner as other municipal questions which are submitted to the electorate of the municipality. The notice shall require the registered voters of the municipality to cast ballots which contain the words: "Public Safety Protection District Yes" and "Public Safety Protection District No" or words equivalent thereto. All residents of the municipality who are qualified electors shall be qualified to vote on the proposition. The public safety protection district election shall be conducted in accordance with the general election laws of the state, and the regular election officials shall be in charge at the usual polling place of each regular precinct, or part of a precinct, which shall include lands within the boundaries of the municipality.
- SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 29-155 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
- If the certified election results show that a majority of all the votes cast are "Public Safety Protection District Yes", the governing body of the municipality shall, by adoption of an ordinance or resolution or both an ordinance and resolution, declare

the public safety protection district established. Any ordinances or resolutions establishing a public safety protection district shall be filed in the office of the county clerk in the county.

SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 29-156 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Α. There shall be levied an annual assessment no greater than five (5) mills on the dollar of assessed value of the types of property in the district as provided in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of subsection A of Section 2803 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the proceeds of which shall be used for the operation and maintenance of the public safety protection district, including expenses related to purchasing and maintaining public safety equipment and payment of salaries and benefits of the city employees who provide law enforcement or fire protection public safety services or both law enforcement and fire protection services within the district, and costs assessed for housing prisoners of the municipality in the county jail. Such proceeds may also be used for payment of any costs related to fire and police operations and jail operations. Such assessment shall only be levied on the types of property located in the district as provided in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of subsection A of Section 2803 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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B. The annual assessment provided in subsection A of this section shall not apply to real property zoned for agricultural or industrial land use, livestock employed in support of the family and personal property owned by for-profit business entities.

SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 29-157 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Every assessment levied under the authority of the Oklahoma

Public Safety Protection District Act shall be a lien against the

tract of land on which it has been levied, until paid, and the lien

shall be coequal with the lien of ad valorem and other taxes,

including special assessments, and prior and superior to all other

liens, and the assessment shall draw interest and shall be collected

in the same manner as ad valorem taxes.

SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 29-158 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The county assessor shall compute and enter in respective columns of the tax rolls the respective sums in dollars and cents to be paid on each piece of property therein enumerated. The county clerk shall certify to the county treasurer in the county where the district or any part thereof is located the amount of assessment in each fund levied upon each tract. The county treasurer shall enter the amount of each in separate columns of the tax list of the

1 county. The assessments shall be collected by the county treasurer at the same time and in the same manner as all other taxes are 3 collected in this state. Costs associated with the collection of the assessments incurred by the county treasurer shall be paid from 5 the proceeds of the district. If any assessment becomes delinquent, it shall draw interest as a penalty after delinquency at the rate of 6 eighteen percent (18%) per annum. All assessments and penalties 7 collected or received by the county treasurer pursuant to the 9 Oklahoma Public Safety Protection District Act shall be paid to the 10 municipal treasurers in their proportionate amounts for the benefit 11 of the public safety protection district.

SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 29-159 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A public safety protection district may be dissolved by a majority vote of the registered voters at an election called for that purpose by the governing body of the municipality.

SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 29-160 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in the Oklahoma Public Safety Protection District Act, "public safety protection" means the operations of law enforcement or fire public safety protections or both law enforcement and fire public safety protections in and for the municipality. Such

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operations shall also include the housing of prisoners of the
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    municipality in the county jail, and emergency medical services
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        SECTION 11. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.
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    April 12, 2017 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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