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April 10, 2017

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2231

By: Mulready of the House

and

Newberry of the Senate

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

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

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

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

B. The sheriff may employ outside counsel pursuant to this  
section to provide immediate representation to a deputy of the

1 sheriff in a deputy-involved shooting incident; provided, the  
2 sheriff shall not continue payment to the counsel if the deputy  
3 involved is charged with any crime arising from the incident.

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

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
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