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February 19, 2018

By: Brown

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

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

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

The county clerk in a county shall have the authority to employ a general counsel through an outside law firm, to advise or represent the county clerk 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.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
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