

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE BILL 165

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to county sheriffs; amending 19 O.S.
8 2011, Section 527, by providing that a county sheriff
9 may employ outside counsel to provide immediate
10 representation in a deputy-involved shooting,
provided that the deputy involved is not charged with
a crime arising from the shooting; and declaring an
emergency.

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

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

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