

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 HOUSE BILL 2231

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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