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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. President:
Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

HB1925

By: Kannady of the House and Dahm of the Senate

Title: Courts Supreme Court; clarifying terms of office; modifying composition of Supreme Court
after certain time; effective date.

Together with Engrossed Senate Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the
same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the senate recede from Amendment No. 1; and
2. That the attached Conference Committee Substitute be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

House Action _____ Date _____ Senate Action _____ Date _____

SENATE CONFEREES

Dahm	_____
Sykes	_____
Smalley	_____
Standridge	_____
Newhouse	_____
Floyd	_____
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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1925

By: Kannady of the House

and

Dahm of the Senate

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to courts; amending 20 O.S. 2011, Sections 1 and 2, which relate to the Supreme Court; clarifying terms of office; modifying Supreme Court Judicial Districts; providing that current Justices retain office and are eligible for retention; amending 20 O.S. 2011, Section 33, which relates to the Court of Criminal Appeals; modifying Court of Criminal Appeals judicial districts; providing that current Judges retain office and are eligible for retention; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The Supreme Court shall consist of nine (9) ~~justices~~ Justices. ~~Immediately upon the passage and approval of this act, the Governor shall appoint by and with the advice and consent of the Senate one Justice of the Supreme Court from each of the four additional Supreme Court judicial districts hereby created, each of~~

1 ~~whom shall serve until the second Monday in January, 1919, Each~~
2 Justice in office on November 1, 2017, shall serve the term for
3 which the Justice was appointed or retained in office by retention
4 ballot and until his or her successor is elected appointed and
5 qualified, unless the Justice vacates the office prior to the end of
6 his or her term or is removed from office as provided by law. Any
7 Justice in office on November 1, 2017, shall be eligible for
8 retention in the same office for succeeding terms.

9 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 2, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 2. ~~The~~ Beginning November 1, 2017:

12 1. Supreme Court Judicial District No. 1 shall embrace and
13 include the following counties: Ottawa, Craig, Nowata, Rogers,
14 Washington, Osage, Pawnee, Kay and Grant. Congressional District No.
15 2 as constituted on November 1, 2017;

16 ~~The~~ 2. Supreme Court Judicial District No. 2 shall embrace and
17 include the following counties: LeFlore, Haskell, Pittsburg,
18 Latimer, Pushmataha, McCurtain, Choctaw, Bryan, Marshall, Johnston,
19 Atoka, McIntosh and Sequoyah. be an at-large district;

20 ~~The~~ 3. Supreme Court Judicial District No. 3 shall embrace and
21 include the following county: Oklahoma. Congressional District No.
22 5 as constituted on November 1, 2017;

23 ~~The~~ 4. Supreme Court Judicial District No. 4 shall embrace and
24 include the following counties: Beckham, Dewey, Roger Mills, Ellis,

1 ~~Woodward, Woods, Major, Harper, Beaver, Texas, Cimarron, Alfalfa,~~
2 ~~Garfield, Kingfisher, Blaine, Custer and Washita.~~ Congressional
3 District No. 3 as constituted on November 1, 2017;

4 ~~The 5.~~ Supreme Court Judicial District No. 5 shall embrace and
5 include ~~the following counties: Cleveland, McClain, Garvin, Murray,~~
6 ~~Carter, Love, Grady, Stephens and Jefferson.~~ Congressional District
7 No. 4 as constituted on November 1, 2017;

8 ~~The 6.~~ Supreme Court Judicial District No. 6 shall embrace and
9 include ~~the following county: Tulsa.~~ Congressional District No. 1
10 as constituted on November 1, 2017;

11 ~~The 7.~~ Supreme Court Judicial District No. 7 shall ~~embrace and~~
12 ~~include the following counties: Muskogee, Creek, Okmulgee, Wagoner,~~
13 ~~Cherokee, Adair, Delaware and Mayes.~~ be an at-large district;

14 ~~The 8.~~ Supreme Court Judicial District No. 8 shall ~~embrace and~~
15 ~~include the following counties: Pottawatomie, Seminole, Hughes,~~
16 ~~Pontotoc, Coal, Okfuskee, Lincoln, Logan, Payne and Noble.~~ be an at-
17 large district; and

18 ~~The 9.~~ Supreme Court Judicial District No. 9 shall ~~embrace and~~
19 ~~include the following counties: Kiowa, Jackson, Tillman, Harmon,~~
20 ~~Cotton, Comanche, Caddo, Greer and Canadian~~ be an at-large district.

21 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 20 O.S. 2011, Section 33, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 33. A. The state is hereby divided into five (5) Court
24 of Criminal Appeals ~~judicial districts~~ Judicial Districts. From

1 each of said districts candidates for Judge of the Court of Criminal
2 Appeals shall be nominated and appointed in the manner provided by
3 Article VII-B of the Oklahoma Constitution. All Judges of the Court
4 of Criminal Appeals may seek retention in office pursuant to the
5 provisions of Section 2 of Article VII-B of the Oklahoma
6 Constitution and each Judge shall be voted for by the qualified
7 voters of the state at-large.

8 B. Beginning November 1, 2017, the boundaries of the Court of
9 Criminal Appeals Judicial Districts shall be the boundaries of the
10 five Oklahoma Congressional Districts as constituted on November 1,
11 2017, as follows:

12 1. The Court of Criminal Appeals Judicial District No. 1 shall
13 embrace and include ~~the following counties: Craig, Delaware, Mayes,~~
14 ~~Nowata, Ottawa, Rogers, Tulsa, and Wagoner.~~ Congressional District
15 No. 1;

16 2. The Court of Criminal Appeals Judicial District No. 2 shall
17 embrace and include ~~the following counties: Adair, Cherokee,~~
18 ~~Cleveland, Creek, Kay, Lincoln, Logan, Muskegee, Noble, Okfuskee,~~
19 ~~Okmulgee, Osage, Pawnee, Payne, Pottawatomie, and Washington.~~
20 Congressional District No. 3;

21 3. The Court of Criminal Appeals Judicial District No. 3 shall
22 embrace and include ~~the following counties: Atoka, Bryan, Carter,~~
23 ~~Coal, Choctaw, Garvin, Grady, Haskell, Hughes, Jefferson, Johnston,~~
24 ~~Latimer, Leflore, Love, Marshall, McClain, McCurtain, McIntosh,~~

1 ~~Murray, Pittsburg, Pontotoc, Pushmataha, Seminole, Sequoyah, and~~
2 ~~Stephens.~~ Congressional District No. 2;

3 4. The Court of Criminal Appeals Judicial District No. 4 shall
4 embrace and include ~~the following counties: Canadian and Oklahoma.~~
5 Congressional District No. 5; and

6 5. The Court of Criminal Appeals Judicial District No. 5 shall
7 embrace and include ~~Alfalfa, Beaver, Beckham, Blaine, Caddo,~~
8 ~~Cimarron, Comanche, Cotton, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Garfield, Grant,~~
9 ~~Greer, Harmon, Harper, Jackson, Kingfisher, Kiowa, Major, Roger~~
10 ~~Mills, Texas, Tillman, Washita, Woods, and Woodward~~ Congressional
11 District No. 4.

12 C. Each Judge in office on November 1, 2017, shall serve the
13 term for which the Judge was appointed or retained in office by
14 retention ballot and until his or her successor is appointed and
15 qualified, unless the Judge vacates the office prior to the end of
16 his or her term or is removed from office as provided by law. Any
17 Judge in office on November 1, 2017, shall be eligible for retention
18 in the same office for succeeding terms.

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