

OKLAHOMA STATE SENATE  
CONFERENCE  
COMMITTEE REPORT

May 11, 2017

Mr. President:

Mr. Speaker:

The Conference Committee, to which was referred

SB 650

By: Shaw and Pittman of the Senate and Loring of the House

Title: Criminal procedure; qualifications for certain expungement categories. Effective date.




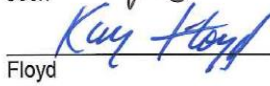


together with Engrossed House Amendments thereto, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration and herewith return the same with the following recommendations:

1. That the Senate accept all House Amendments.
2. By restoring the Enacting Clause.
3. By restoring the title as follows:

"An Act relating to criminal procedure; amending 22 O.S. 2011, Sections 18 and 19, as last amended by Sections 1 and 2, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 2016 (22 O.S. Supp. 2016, Sections 18 and 19), which relate to expungement of criminal records; modifying qualifications for certain categories; adding category for eligibility for expungement; modifying certain notice requirement; authorizing certain testimony; and providing an effective date."

Respectfully submitted,

SENATE CONFEREES:

 Shaw	 Jech
 Fry	 Floyd
 Treat	
 Thompson	Matthews

HOUSE CONFEREES:

Conference Committee on Judiciary – Criminal Justice and Corrections

Senate Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ House Action \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT  
2 TO  
3 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 650 By: Shaw and Pittman of the  
Senate  
4 and  
5 Loring of the House  
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7 [ criminal procedure - expungement of criminal  
8 records - qualifications - effective date ]  
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10 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Replace the stricken title, enacting clause and  
11 entire bill and insert  
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13 "[ criminal procedure - expungement of criminal  
14 records - modifying qualifications - effective  
15 date ]  
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18 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~  
19 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 18, as last  
20 amended by Section 1, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 2016 (22 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
21 Section 18), is amended to read as follows:  
22 Section 18. A. Persons authorized to file a motion for  
23 expungement, as provided herein, must be within one of the following  
24 categories:

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2        2. The conviction was reversed with instructions to dismiss by  
3 an appellate court of competent jurisdiction, or an appellate court  
4 of competent jurisdiction reversed the conviction and the  
5 prosecuting agency subsequently dismissed the charge;

6        3. The factual innocence of the person was established by the  
7 use of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) evidence subsequent to  
8 conviction, including a person who has been released from prison at  
9 the time innocence was established;

10       4. The person has received a full pardon on the basis of a  
11 written finding by the Governor of actual innocence for the crime  
12 for which the claimant was sentenced;

13       5. The person was arrested and no charges of any type,  
14 including charges for an offense different than that for which the  
15 person was originally arrested, are filed and the statute of  
16 limitations has expired or the prosecuting agency has declined to  
17 file charges;

18       6. The person was under eighteen (18) years of age at the time  
19 the offense was committed and the person has received a full pardon  
20 for the offense;

21       7. The person was charged with one or more misdemeanor or  
22 felony crimes, all charges have been dismissed, the person has never  
23 been convicted of a felony, no misdemeanor or felony charges are  
24 pending against the person, and the statute of limitations for

1 refiling the charge or charges has expired or the prosecuting agency  
2 confirms that the charge or charges will not be refiled; provided,  
3 however, this category shall not apply to charges that have been  
4 dismissed following the completion of a deferred judgment or delayed  
5 sentence;

6 8. The person was charged with a misdemeanor, the charge was  
7 dismissed following the successful completion of a deferred judgment  
8 or delayed sentence, the person has never been convicted of a  
9 felony, no misdemeanor or felony charges are pending against the  
10 person, and at least one (1) year has passed since the charge was  
11 dismissed;

12 9. The person was charged with a nonviolent felony offense, not  
13 listed in Section 571 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the  
14 charge was dismissed following the successful completion of a  
15 deferred judgment or delayed sentence, the person has never been  
16 convicted of a felony, no misdemeanor or felony charges are pending  
17 against the person, and at least five (5) years have passed since  
18 the charge was dismissed;

19 10. The person was convicted of a misdemeanor offense, the  
20 person was sentenced to a fine of less than Five Hundred One Dollars  
21 (\$501.00) without a term of imprisonment or a suspended sentence,  
22 the fine has been paid or satisfied by time served in lieu of the  
23 fine, the person has not been convicted of a felony, and no felony  
24 or misdemeanor charges are pending against the person;

1        11. The person was convicted of a misdemeanor offense, the  
2 person was sentenced to a term of imprisonment, a suspended sentence  
3 or a fine in an amount greater than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00),  
4 the person has not been convicted of a felony, no felony or  
5 misdemeanor charges are pending against the person, and at least  
6 five (5) years have passed since the end of the last misdemeanor  
7 sentence;

8        12. The person was convicted of a nonviolent felony offense,  
9 not listed in Section 571 of Title 57 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the  
10 person has received a full pardon for the offense, or the person has  
11 not been convicted of any other felony, ~~the person has not been~~  
12 ~~convicted of a~~ or separate misdemeanor in the last fifteen (15)  
13 within seven (7) years of the date following the completion of the  
14 execution of the sentence, and no felony or misdemeanor charges are  
15 pending against the person, and at least ten (10) years have passed  
16 since the felony conviction. This category shall not apply to  
17 persons convicted of an offense enumerated in Section 13.1 of Title  
18 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Expungements obtained under this  
19 category without a full pardon shall not restore citizenship rights  
20 including, but not limited to, rights to possess or own firearms and  
21 the right to vote;

22        13. The person was convicted of not more than two nonviolent  
23 felony offenses, not listed in Section 571 of Title 57 of the  
24 Oklahoma Statutes, the person has received a full pardon for both of

1 the nonviolent felony offenses, or the person has not been convicted  
2 of any other felony or misdemeanor within ten (10) years of the date  
3 following the completion of the execution of the sentence, and no  
4 felony or misdemeanor charges are pending against the person, and at  
5 least twenty (20) years have passed since the last misdemeanor or  
6 felony conviction. This category shall not apply to persons  
7 convicted of an offense enumerated in Section 13.1 of Title 21 of  
8 the Oklahoma Statutes. Expungements obtained under this category  
9 without a full pardon shall not restore citizenship rights  
10 including, but not limited to, rights to possess or own firearms and  
11 the right to vote; or

12 14. The person has been charged or arrested or is the subject  
13 of an arrest warrant for a crime that was committed by another  
14 person who has appropriated or used the person's name or other  
15 identification without the person's consent or authorization; or

16 15. The person has requested and received written consent to  
17 file an application for expungement from the Oklahoma State Bureau  
18 of Investigation, the arresting agency and the district attorney of  
19 the county in which the conviction occurred. Written consent of the  
20 aforementioned agencies shall be attached to the application for  
21 expungement. If any of the above agencies do not provide written  
22 consent to the application for expungement, the application for  
23 expungement cannot be filed and shall not be granted.

1 B. For purposes of this act, "expungement" shall mean the  
2 sealing of criminal records, as well as any public civil record,  
3 involving actions brought by and against the State of Oklahoma  
4 arising from the same arrest, transaction or occurrence.

5 C. For purposes of seeking an expungement under the provisions  
6 of paragraph 10, 11, 12 or 13 of subsection A of this section,  
7 offenses arising out of the same transaction or occurrence shall be  
8 treated as one conviction and offense.

9 D. Records expunged pursuant to paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13  
10 ~~and~~, 14 and 15 of subsection A of this section shall be sealed to  
11 the public but not to law enforcement agencies for law enforcement  
12 purposes. Records expunged pursuant to paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 11, 12  
13 ~~and~~, 13 and 15 of subsection A of this section shall be admissible  
14 in any subsequent criminal prosecution to prove the existence of a  
15 prior conviction or prior deferred judgment without the necessity of  
16 a court order requesting the unsealing of the records. Records  
17 expunged pursuant to paragraph 4, 6, 12 or 13 of subsection A of  
18 this section may also include the sealing of Pardon and Parole Board  
19 records related to an application for a pardon. Such records shall  
20 be sealed to the public but not to the Pardon and Parole Board.

21 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 19, as last  
22 amended by Section 2, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 2016 (22 O.S. Supp. 2016,  
23 Section 19), is amended to read as follows:  
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1       Section 19. A. Any person qualified under Section 18 of this  
2 title may petition the district court of the district in which the  
3 arrest information pertaining to the person is located for the  
4 sealing of all or any part of the record, except basic  
5 identification information.

6       B. Upon the filing of a petition or entering of a court order,  
7 the court shall set a date for a hearing and shall provide thirty  
8 (30) days of notice of the hearing to the prosecuting agency, the  
9 arresting agency, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the  
10 victim or representative of the victim, and any other person or  
11 agency whom the court has reason to believe may have relevant  
12 information related to the sealing of such record. The victim or  
13 representative of the victim shall be afforded the opportunity to  
14 provide testimony at the expungement hearing.

15       C. Upon a finding that the harm to privacy of the person in  
16 interest or dangers of unwarranted adverse consequences outweigh the  
17 public interest in retaining the records, the court may order such  
18 records, or any part thereof except basic identification  
19 information, to be sealed. If the court finds that neither sealing  
20 of the records nor maintaining of the records unsealed by the agency  
21 would serve the ends of justice, the court may enter an appropriate  
22 order limiting access to such records.

23       Any order entered under this subsection shall specify those  
24 agencies to which such order shall apply. Any order entered



1 pursuant to this subsection may be appealed by the petitioner, the  
2 prosecuting agency, the arresting agency, or the Oklahoma State  
3 Bureau of Investigation to the Oklahoma Supreme Court in accordance  
4 with the rules of the Oklahoma Supreme Court. In all such appeals,  
5 the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is a necessary party and  
6 must be given notice of the appellate proceedings.

7 D. Upon the entry of an order to seal the records, or any part  
8 thereof, the subject official actions shall be deemed never to have  
9 occurred, and the person in interest and all criminal justice  
10 agencies may properly reply, upon any inquiry in the matter, that no  
11 such action ever occurred and that no such record exists with  
12 respect to such person.

13 E. Inspection of the records included in the order may  
14 thereafter be permitted by the court only upon petition by the  
15 person in interest who is the subject of such records, the Attorney  
16 General, or by the prosecuting agency and only to those persons and  
17 for such purposes named in such petition.

18 F. Employers, educational institutions, state and local  
19 government agencies, officials, and employees shall not, in any  
20 application or interview or otherwise, require an applicant to  
21 disclose any information contained in sealed records. An applicant  
22 need not, in answer to any question concerning arrest and criminal  
23 records, provide information that has been sealed, including any  
24 reference to or information concerning such sealed information and

1 may state that no such action has ever occurred. Such an  
2 application may not be denied solely because of the refusal of the  
3 applicant to disclose arrest and criminal records information that  
4 has been sealed.

5 G. All arrest and criminal records information existing prior  
6 to the effective date of this section, except basic identification  
7 information, is also subject to sealing in accordance with  
8 subsection C of this section.

9 H. Nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the  
10 physical destruction of any criminal justice records.

11 I. For the purposes of this section, sealed materials which are  
12 recorded in the same document as unsealed material may be recorded  
13 in a separate document, and sealed, then obliterated in the original  
14 document.

15 J. For the purposes of this section, district court index  
16 reference of sealed material shall be destroyed, removed or  
17 obliterated.

18 K. Any record ordered to be sealed pursuant to this section, if  
19 not unsealed within ten (10) years of the expungement order, may be  
20 obliterated or destroyed at the end of the ten-year period.

21 L. Subsequent to records being sealed as provided herein, the  
22 prosecuting agency, the arresting agency, the Oklahoma State Bureau  
23 of Investigation, or other interested person or agency may petition  
24 the court for an order unsealing said records. Upon filing of a

1 petition the court shall set a date for hearing, which hearing may  
2 be closed at the discretion of the court, and shall provide thirty  
3 (30) days of notice to all interested parties. If, upon hearing,  
4 the court determines there has been a change of conditions or that  
5 there is a compelling reason to unseal the records, the court may  
6 order all or a portion of the records unsealed.

7 M. Nothing herein shall prohibit the introduction of evidence  
8 regarding actions sealed pursuant to the provisions of this section  
9 at any hearing or trial for purposes of impeaching the credibility  
10 of a witness or as evidence of character testimony pursuant to  
11 Section 2608 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

12 N. If a person qualifies for an expungement under the  
13 provisions of paragraph 3 of subsection A of Section 18 of this  
14 title and said petition for expungement is granted by the court, the  
15 court shall order the reimbursement of all filing fees and court  
16 costs incurred by the petitioner as a result of filing the  
17 expungement request.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017."  
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2017.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of  
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17 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.  
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1 Passed the Senate the 21st day of March, 2017.

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