

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 SENATE BILL 1404

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to attorneys; amending 5 O.S. 2001,  
8 Section 18, which relates to inactive status; making  
9 payment of certain dues voluntary; removing certain  
10 fee requirements; making language gender neutral; and  
11 providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 5 O.S. 2001, Section 18, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 18. A. The requirement for payment of annual dues  
16 pursuant to Section 1 of Article VIII of the Oklahoma Bar  
17 Association Rules shall be voluntary. Any payment of such dues  
18 shall be made solely at the discretion of a person who has been  
19 admitted to practice as an attorney in this state.

20 ~~A.~~ B. Any person who has been admitted to practice as an  
21 attorney in this state, who is a member in good standing of the bar  
22 of this state, and who meets all requirements for licensure in this  
23 state may apply for status as an inactive member of the bar.

24 ~~B.~~ C. The application for such status shall contain:

1           1. The ~~person's~~ attorney's name, bar number, residence address,  
2 telephone number or numbers where he or she can be reached;

3           2. The reason or reasons ~~he~~ the attorney desires such status;

4           3. A statement that ~~he~~ the attorney understands that, while on  
5 such status, he or she may not do anything which constitutes the  
6 practice of law while in this state;

7           4. A statement that ~~he~~ the attorney has notified all of his or  
8 her clients in this state that he or she is no longer practicing in  
9 this state; and

10          5. An affidavit that the information given is true and correct.

11          ~~C.~~ D. Immediately upon receipt of the application, the Supreme  
12 Court or its designee shall acknowledge the application and enter  
13 the person's name on a roll of inactive attorneys.

14          ~~D.~~ E. While on inactive status, an attorney shall not be  
15 required to complete any continuing legal education requirements ~~and~~  
16 ~~shall be required to pay only twenty percent (20%) of the annual~~  
17 ~~dues of an active member.~~

18          ~~E.~~ F. While on inactive status, an attorney shall not receive  
19 the Oklahoma Bar Journal or any other services from the Oklahoma Bar  
20 Association ~~except upon such terms and conditions, including payment~~  
21 ~~of charges and fees, as shall be established by the Association.~~

22          ~~F.~~ G. Once on inactive status, an attorney may reactivate his  
23 or her license to practice ~~upon payment of the equivalent of one~~  
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~~year's annual dues to the Association and~~ upon successful completion  
of one year's mandatory continuing legal education requirement.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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