

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1776

By: Conley of the House

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4 Weaver of the Senate
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7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma State Bureau of
8 Investigation; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 150.21,
9 which relates to the legal division of the Oklahoma
10 State Bureau of Investigation; deleting certain
11 limitation; modifying exception to allow for certain
12 appearances by attorneys of the Bureau; and providing
13 an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 150.21, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 150.21 A. The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation
18 shall establish or provide for a legal division and the Director may
19 employ ~~two~~ attorneys as needed, which attorneys, in addition to
20 advising the Director, the Commission and employees of the Bureau on
21 legal matters, may appear for and represent the Director, the
22 Commission and employees of the Bureau in administrative hearings
23 and other legal actions and proceedings. No ~~Bureau~~ attorney of the
24 Bureau shall enter an appearance in a criminal action nor engage in
private practice of the law while in the employment of the Oklahoma

1 State Bureau of Investigation, except for the purpose of
2 representing the agency in motions to quash subpoenas, other
3 discovery matters, expungement applications, evidentiary hearings,
4 and forfeiture proceedings when requested to do so by another
5 prosecuting authority.

6 B. It shall continue to be the duty of the Attorney General to
7 give official opinions to and to prosecute and defend actions for
8 the Director, Commission and employees of the Bureau, if requested
9 to do so.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

11 Passed the House of Representatives the 3rd day of March, 2021.

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14 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

15 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2021.

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