

**BILL SUMMARY**  
1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Legislature

<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 2225</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>INT</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No Measureable Impact Anticipated</b>

**Research Analysis**

HB 2225, as introduced, allows a chief of police to designate a person to be authorized to dispose of personal property or money as provided by law. If the money or property was seized in connection with an investigation or arrest, a court with jurisdiction over the offense (or a prosecuting attorney if charges were disposed of or declined) determines whether the property is no longer needed as evidence and may be disposed of.

The bill transfers authority to file an application with the district court requesting sale of the personal property from the chief of police to the municipality. If the property has an actual or apparent value over \$250, written notice must be given to the person last in possession of the property. Current statute requires notice only to each owner.

The measure also allows a municipality to provide written notice at the time of arrest that certain property would be available for return within 90 days, if it was not seized as evidence. If the property is worth less than \$250, no further notice is required prior to obtaining a court order for disposition of the property.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

The measure relates to procedure regarding the disposition of property held by municipalities, including provision concerning notices. While no fiscal or revenue impacts are anticipated, the measure is under review by the Oklahoma Municipal League.

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**Other Considerations**

None.