

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3719

By: O'Donnell

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An Act relating to criminal procedure; amending 22 O.S. 2021, Section 358, which relates to multicounty grand jury procedures; modifying procedures for determining jurisdiction and venue; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2021, Section 358, is amended to read as follows:

Section 358. A. Any indictment or accusation for removal by a multicounty grand jury shall be returned to the presiding judge without designation of venue. ~~Thereupon, the judge, by order, shall designate~~ In the event the Attorney General elects to prosecute said indictment or accusation for removal, the action may be prosecuted in any county in which jurisdiction and venue are otherwise appropriate. In the event that the prosecution of the indictment or accusation for removal is not prosecuted by the Attorney General, but is referred to another prosecutorial authority, the county of

1 the residence of the defendant shall be the venue of the action for
2 the purpose of trial. The judge, by order, may direct the
3 consolidation of an indictment returned by a county grand jury with
4 an indictment returned by a multicounty grand jury and fix venue for
5 trial.

6 B. If a multicounty grand jury, pursuant to its investigation,
7 learns of an offense for which it lacks jurisdiction to indict, the
8 multicounty grand jury shall direct the Attorney General to inform
9 the appropriate prosecutorial authority.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

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