

# An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1893

By: Cantrell of the House

and

Kidd of the Senate

An Act relating to counties and county officers; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 650.6, which relates to assault and battery of court officers, witnesses, jurors, or process servers; expanding penalties to assault upon county commissioners, county clerks, county assessors, and county treasurers; expanding penalties to battery or assault and battery upon county commissioners, county clerks, county assessors, and county treasurers; and declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Counties and county officers

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 650.6, is amended to read as follows:

Section 650.6 A. Every person who commits any assault upon any county commissioner, county clerk, county assessor, county treasurer, or any officer of a state district or appellate court, or the Workers' Compensation Court, including but not limited to judges, bailiffs, court reporters, court clerks or deputy court clerks, or upon any witnesses or juror, because of said person's service in such capacity or within six (6) months of said person's service in such capacity, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such imprisonment and fine.

B. Every person who commits any battery or assault and battery upon any county commissioner, county clerk, county assessor, county treasurer, or officer of a state district or appellate court, or the Workers' Compensation Court, including but not limited to judges, bailiffs, court reporters, court clerks or deputy court clerks, or upon any witnesses or juror, because of said person's service in such capacity or within six (6) months of said person's service in such capacity, shall be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the custody of the Department of Corrections for not more than five (5) years, by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by both such imprisonment and fine.

C. Every person who knowingly commits any assault, battery or assault and battery upon a process server licensed in this state while the person is in the performance of his or her duties shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year, by a fine not to exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such imprisonment and fine.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of February, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 24th day of April, 2023.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this \_\_\_\_\_

day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this \_\_\_\_\_

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