

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>SB462</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No negative impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

The committee substitute to SB 462 requires all current municipal judges to complete a certification program approved by the Oklahoma Municipal Judges Association by July 1, 2026. Municipal judges appointed after July 1, 2026 will have one year to complete the certification program. If a municipal judge fails to complete their certification, the maximum fine a municipal court can impose on all traffic and criminal cases is \$50. Municipal judges must file their Oklahoma Municipal Judge certifications with the county clerk and municipal court clerk.

Additionally, the measure prohibits appointing persons who are not a licensed attorney as a municipal judge beginning July 1, 2026. Non-attorney judges who were appointed prior to July 1, 2026 can continue to be reappointed if they complete the required certification program. The measure also allows municipal judges in cities with a population of more than 200,000 people to engage in the practice of law in any other court during their tenure.

Lastly, the measure clarifies that a municipal judge in a court not of record is not an officer of the municipality according to [Title 11 Section 1-102](#) and is not to be considered a state officer for the purpose of [Title 51 Section 6](#). All municipal judges including nonlawyer judges are subject to the code of judicial conduct and legal ethics.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

This committee substitute to SB462 modifies the process of appointing municipal court judges. The measure also creates new requirements for judges and places a maximum fine that can be imposed in certain cases. In its current form, SB462 has the potential to impact how some fines are collected by any municipal judge that has not completed the requirements set forth in the measure. However, it is not anticipated that judges will be in violation for lengths of time that will have a material impact to revenue. Therefore, SB462 is not expected to have an impact to state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

