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Bill Analysis

SB 462 authorizes municipal judges in cities with a population of 200,000 or more to engage in the practice of law in other courts during his or her tenure. The measure also provides that municipal judges may be paid in a manner similar to municipal employees as well as municipal officials. The measure requires any person currently appointed or serving as a municipal judge to complete a certification program as approved by the Oklahoma Municipal Judges Association starting July 1, 2025. The certification shall have a minimum of 12 hours of continuing legal education approved by the Oklahoma Bar Association Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission to include laws specific to municipal courts, trial evidentiary matters, criminal cases eligible for municipal courts, and indigency hearings. All persons currently appointed as municipal judges shall have 1 year to complete the new program. Any judge who fails to complete the program may only impose a maximum \$50.00 fine for all traffic and criminal cases.

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