**Bill Summary** 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 59<sup>th</sup> Legislature

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## **Bill Analysis**

SB 79 modifies procedures for offers of judgment. The measure provides that a party defending against a claim may serve an offer to allow judgment on specified terms to the opposing party at least 7 days prior to trial. If the offer is rejected, evidence of the rejected offer may not be used in the trial. The measure also provides that if liability is established, the party held liable may make an offer of judgment 7 days prior to the trial which shall determine the extent of liability. If the amount paid is less than the unaccepted offer proffered in this period, the offeree shall pay the litigation costs of the offeror incurred after the offer was made. The offeree shall be entitled to costs if the amount paid was greater than the offer. The measure also specifies what an offer of judgment letter shall contain.

**Repealer:** 12 O.S. Sections <u>1101.1</u> and <u>1106</u>

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