

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2267

By: Burns

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to counties and county officers;
amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 130.1, which relates
to county government personnel education and
training; extending creation of Commission on County
Government Personnel Education and Training;
requiring certain hours of training for county
officers; requiring certain training for county
officers elected after certain date; requiring
certain training for current county officers;
requiring certain continuing education; requiring
training for county deputies; amending 19 O.S. 2021,
Section 166, which relates to forfeiture of travel
allowance; providing for forfeiture of monthly travel
allowance for failure to complete training
requirements; requiring written notification;
providing an effective date; and declaring an
emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 130.1, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 130.1 There is hereby re-created, to continue until
July 1, ~~2020~~ 2024, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma
Sunset Law, the Commission on County Government Personnel Education

1 and Training, hereinafter called the "Commission". The Commission
2 shall be composed of the following five (5) members: The President
3 of Oklahoma State University or designee; the State Auditor and
4 Inspector or designee; the Director of the Department of
5 Transportation or designee; the Chairman of the Oklahoma Tax
6 Commission or designee; and the President of the Oklahoma County
7 Officers Association or designee.

8 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 130.7, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 130.7 A. Each county commissioner, county clerk,
11 county treasurer, and court clerk ~~holding office on May 11, 1982~~
12 elected or appointed after November 1, 2023, and those elected
13 ~~thereafter and the deputies of such elected county officers~~ shall be
14 ~~required to participate in the appropriate training programs, as~~
15 ~~defined in subsection B of this section, and educational seminars~~
16 ~~relevant to their positions and duties conducted pursuant to~~
17 ~~Sections 130.1 through 130.7 of this title. In addition, county~~
18 ~~sheriffs and county assessors may attend the training programs~~
19 specified in this section, within ninety (90) days after the general
20 election of his or her first term of office, or date of appointment
21 to attend and complete the orientation training provided through or
22 approved by the County Training Program of the Cooperative Extension
23 Service at Oklahoma State University.
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1 B. ~~Appropriate training programs shall include those programs~~
2 ~~provided by the Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma State~~
3 ~~University~~ 1. Each county commissioner, county clerk, and county
4 treasurer elected or appointed after November 1, 2023, shall be
5 required to obtain a Basic Certification by the end of his or her
6 first term, an Advanced I Certification by the end of his or her
7 second term, and an Advanced II Certification by the end of his or
8 her third term prescribed by and provided through the County
9 Training Program of the Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma
10 State University.

11 2. County commissioners, county clerks, and county treasurers
12 holding office on November 1, 2023, shall obtain:

13 a. Basic Certification by November 1, 2028, if still
14 holding the same office,

15 b. Advanced I Certification by November 1, 2032, if still
16 holding the same office, and

17 c. Advanced II certification by November 1, 2036, if
18 still holding the same office.

19 C. At the discretion of the County Training Program of the
20 Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma State University, current,
21 approved training hours accumulated through previous terms shall
22 apply toward Basic, Advanced I and Advanced II certifications.

23 D. 1. Court clerks elected or appointed after November 1,
24 2023, shall complete the required hours to obtain their certificate

1 through the County Training Program of the Cooperative Extension
2 Service at Oklahoma State University by the end of their first
3 terms. County assessors and county sheriffs elected or appointed
4 after November 1, 2023, shall obtain their certificate through the
5 County Training Program of the Cooperative Extension Service at
6 Oklahoma State University by the end of their second terms. By
7 discretion of the County Training Program of the Cooperative
8 Extension Service at Oklahoma State University, current, approved
9 training hours accumulated through previous terms shall apply toward
10 certificate hours.

11 2. Court clerks holding office November 1, 2023, shall complete
12 the required hours to obtain their certificate through the County
13 Training Program of the Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma
14 State University by November 1, 2028, if still holding the same
15 office. County assessors and county sheriffs holding office on
16 November 1, 2023, shall obtain their certificate through the County
17 Training Program of the Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma
18 State University by November 1, 2032, if still holding the same
19 office. By discretion of the County Training Program of the
20 Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma State University, current,
21 approved training hours accumulated through previous terms shall
22 apply toward certificate hours.

23 E. Upon completion of the requirements in subsections A through
24 D of this section, each county commissioner, county clerk, county

1 treasurer and county court clerk shall be required to attend six (6)
2 hours of continuing education per calendar year through or approved
3 by the County Training Program of the Cooperative Extension Service
4 at Oklahoma State University.

5 F. The deputies of each elected county officer shall
6 participate in the training and educational seminars relevant to
7 their positions and duties.

8 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 166, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 Section 166. A. Failure of a county officer to attend any
11 school, conference or meeting unless excused prior thereto shall
12 cause the county officer to forfeit his or her right to the monthly
13 travel allowance provided by Section 165 of this title for the month
14 in which such school, conference or meeting is held. The directing
15 state officer or agency head shall notify the county clerk of the
16 county of the forfeiture of such county officer.

17 B. Any county commissioner, county treasurer, county clerk,
18 county sheriff or county court clerk who fails to complete the
19 training requirements as outlined in Section 130.7 of this title
20 shall forfeit his or her right to receive the monthly travel
21 allowance provided by Section 165 of this title or any other
22 penalties authorized by law.

23 C. The County Training Program Director of the Cooperative
24 Extension Service at Oklahoma State University shall send written

1 notification of noncompliance to the county clerk of the county, the
2 board of county commissioners and the State Auditor and Inspector.
3 Upon such notification, the board of county commissioners shall not
4 approve payment of the monthly travel allowance for said county
5 officer. The monthly travel allowance may be reinstated the
6 following month once the county officer becomes compliant with the
7 training requirements. The County Training Program Director of the
8 Cooperative Extension Service shall send written notification to the
9 county clerk of the county, the board of county commissioners and
10 the State Auditor and Inspector when a county officer reestablishes
11 compliance with the training requirements.

12 D. Any county, county officer or deputy may join his or her
13 respective state, national or international association, including
14 but not limited to, the National Association of Counties, the
15 International Association of Assessors and the International
16 Association of Clerks, Records, Election Officials and Treasurers.
17 It shall not be mandatory for a county officer or his or her deputy
18 to attend any meeting, school, institute or conference sponsored or
19 held by anyone other than a state officer or agency head, but if
20 funds are available for travel to such meeting, school, institute or
21 conference, either within or outside this state, from funds
22 appropriated for traveling expenses in addition to the monthly
23 travel allowance provided by Section 165 of this title, then it
24 shall be lawful for such traveling expenses to be paid from such

1 travel funds so appropriated to the county officer or his or her
2 deputies.

3 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

4 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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