

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB3749 _____
Of the printed Bill
Page _____ Section _____ Lines _____
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS

Adopted: _____

Amendment submitted by: Erick Harris _____

Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

3 PROPOSED POLICY
4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3749

By: Harris

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8 PROPOSED POLICY COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to counties and county officers;
10 amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 527, which relates to
11 authorized employment of legal counsel; authorizing
12 certain county officers to employ a general counsel;
13 providing for noncodification; and providing an
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 527, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 527. A. The sheriff, treasurer, clerk, court clerk,
19 each individual county commissioner, or assessor in a county shall
20 have the authority to employ a general counsel, either in-house as a
21 staff attorney or through an outside law firm, to advise or
22 represent that officer and his or her office in the performance of
23 the official duties of that office. The Board of County
24 Commissioners shall approve all contracts for outside counsel. A

1 general counsel employed pursuant to this section shall be
2 compensated from the funds of the employing county office.

3 B. The sheriff may employ outside counsel pursuant to this
4 section to provide immediate representation to a deputy of the
5 sheriff in a deputy-involved shooting incident; provided, the
6 sheriff shall not continue payment to the counsel if the deputy
7 involved is charged with any crime arising from the incident.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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