

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

SENATE BILL 2160

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Legislature; defining terms; permitting legislative committees to issue subpoenas; providing process to issue subpoenas; providing for penalties; providing for exceptions; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 12011 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1. "Legislative committee" means any standing committee, interim committee, select committee, subcommittee, or joint committee of the Legislature duly authorized to conduct investigations or oversight;

2. "Majority vote" means a vote in favor by more than fifty percent (50%) of the total membership of the committee, excluding ex officio members in the committee membership total unless they are present and voting; and

1 3. "Subpoena" means a subpoena for the attendance of witnesses
2 or the production of documents, records, or other evidence.

3 B. In addition to the powers granted under Section 42 of
4 Article V of the Oklahoma Constitution, any legislative committee
5 shall have the power to issue subpoenas in furtherance of its
6 authorized investigative or oversight functions. A subpoena may be
7 authorized:

8 1. Upon a majority vote of the committee at any duly convened
9 meeting where a quorum is present. Upon authorization by majority
10 vote, the chair of the committee, or the vice chair in the absence
11 of the chair, shall issue and sign the subpoena on behalf of the
12 committee; or

13 2. Jointly by the chair and vice chair of the committee. Upon
14 joint authorization by the chair and vice chair, either the chair or
15 vice chair may issue and sign the subpoena.

16 C. Any rule of the Senate or House of Representatives in
17 conflict with the provisions of this section is hereby superseded to
18 the extent of such conflict.

19 D. Disobedience of a subpoena issued pursuant to this section,
20 or disorderly conduct in relation thereto, shall constitute contempt
21 punishable as provided in Section 42 of Article V of the Oklahoma
22 Constitution.

1 E. This section shall not limit the inherent powers of either
2 house of the Legislature or any other statutory authority related to
3 legislative investigations.

4 SECTION 2. 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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