

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 60th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB632
Version:	2nd CCR A
Request Number:	2166
Author:	Speaker Hilbert
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

The second CCR A for SB632 rejects the House amendments and proposes a new substitute.

As amended, SB632 outlines the framework for the creation of two business court divisions headquartered in Oklahoma County and Tulsa County. The measure:

- Directs the Oklahoma Supreme Court and business court judges to promulgate rules for the implementation and administration of business courts;
- Authorizes business court judges to appoint a secretary-bailiff, law clerk and other personnel approved by the Chief Justice;
- Sets the salary for a business court judge at the same pay as an associate judge of the Supreme Court;
- Sets the term for business court judges at eight years;
- Outlines the qualifications to serve as a business court judge, which includes being at least 35 years of age, being a United States citizen and having at least 10 or more years of legal experience;
- Outlines the business court judge appointment process, which begins with the Speaker providing the Governor with a list of three candidates, the Governor choosing an appointee from the list, and the Senate confirming the appointment;
- Allows the Governor to reject the list of appointees from the Speaker and request a subsequent list. The list must be provided to the Governor within 40 days of the request or the Governor can appoint any person that meets the statutory qualifications to serve;
- Provides that an appointed business court judge will serve on an interim basis if the appointment is made when the Legislature is not in session;
- Requires the aforementioned appointment process to be used to fill vacancies;
- Outlines the authority and jurisdiction of business courts and lists the types of cases that can be added to a business court docket beginning January 1, 2026 as long as the claim amount is at least \$500,000;
- Allow a jury trial if claimed by a party within the time period established by court rules;
- Requires non-jury trials to be resolved within 12 months unless an extension is requested by the disputing parties; and
- Establishes a \$1500 filing fee for cases filed in business court.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.

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