

**Bill Summary**  
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**Bill Analysis**

SB 539 provides that the elected sheriff of a county shall be authoritative peace officer of that county. No federal employee who is not designated as an Oklahoman peace officer may make an arrest without the written permission of the sheriff or designee of the sheriff of the county in which the arrest, search, or seizure will occur unless the arrest will occur on a federal enclave, the federal employee witnesses the commission of the crime, the intended target is an employee of the sheriff's office, or the federal employee has cause to believe the subject of the arrest has close connections with the sheriff. The county sheriff may refuse permission for any reason that the sheriff or designee considers sufficient. The arresting employee must also obtain written permission from the Attorney General if the subject is an employee of the sheriff's office or connected to the sheriff. Any employee who arrests an individual without such permission shall be prosecuted for kidnapping.

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