



**BILL/VERSION:** SB 679 / COMMITTEE SUB

**ANALYST:** EC

**AUTHORS:** Sen. Deever

**DATE:** 2/28/2025

**TAX(ES):** Ad Valorem Tax

**SUBJECT(S):** Administrative

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 2025

**Emergency** ☒

**ESTIMATED REVENUE IMPACT:**

**FY26: No impact on state tax revenue, unknown impact to local taxing jurisdictions.**

**ANALYSIS:** SB 679, the "Property Tax Transparency Act," transfers oversight of ad valorem taxation from the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC) to the State Auditor and Inspector (SA&I). The measure proposes the SA&I conduct audits, enforce compliance, and impose penalties<sup>1</sup>. County assessors must provide detailed valuation statements, including fair cash value, exemptions, and tax allocations. The bill also expands notification requirements and introduces progressive enforcement measures for counties found out of compliance. Noncompliance may result in fines up to \$1,000 per violation, with additional penalties for false tax reporting. There is no impact to state revenue. There may be an impact on local taxing jurisdictions, though the extent remains uncertain.

**Administrative Concerns:** This proposal shifts property tax oversight from the OTC to the State Auditor and Inspector, creating a potential conflict of interest, as SA&I would both audit and rule on compliance as a member of the State Board of Equalization. We are currently assessing the extent of the impact and evaluating the associated costs. It will take time to transfer the specialized property valuation expertise of OTC staff to SA&I staff, potentially impacting compliance accuracy during the transition.

<sup>1</sup> The introduced version retained most ad valorem taxation oversight under OTC; the substitute shifts oversight authority to SA&I.

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