

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR ENGROSSED
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2282

6 By: Hill and Meredith of the
7 House

8 and

9 Rosino of the Senate

10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

11 [county jails - persons authorized to act as jailers
12 - allowable use of nonlethal weaponry - ~~emergency~~]

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 54, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 54. The jailer, jail director or keeper of the jail
19 shall, unless the sheriff elects to act as jailer in person, be a
20 deputy appointed by the sheriff; provided, that the sheriff may,
21 with approval as provided in Section 162 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma
22 Statutes, appoint civilian employees as the sheriff may require to
23 operate the county jail. Those persons hired as civilian employees
24 need not complete the training prescribed for peace officers, as

1 provided by Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, but
2 need only complete such training as the sheriff deems necessary for
3 the civilians to properly perform the duties assigned to them, or
4 such training as may otherwise be prescribed by law. The jailer
5 shall take the necessary oaths before entering upon the duties of
6 the office. A jailer ~~in a county having a population of greater~~
7 ~~than four hundred thousand (400,000), according to the latest~~
8 ~~Federal Decennial Census,~~ may be authorized by the sheriff of the
9 county to use nonlethal weaponry upon completion of appropriate
10 training. The sheriff shall in all cases be liable for the
11 negligence and misconduct of the jailer as of other deputies.

12 The provisions of this section shall not apply to jails operated
13 by private prison contractors pursuant to a contract with the board
14 of county commissioners.

15 ~~SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation~~
16 ~~of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby~~
17 ~~declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and~~
18 ~~be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

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