1 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024) 3 ENGROSSED SENATE 4 BILL NO. 1512 By: Alvord of the Senate 5 and 6 Cantrell of the House 7 8 9 An Act relating to county commissioners; amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 165, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 317, O.S.L. 2023 (19 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section 10 165), which relates to travel allowance; authorizing the use of certain equipment by county commissioners; 11 and declaring an emergency. 12 13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 165, as 15 amended by Section 1, Chapter 317, O.S.L. 2023 (19 O.S. Supp. 2023, 16 17 Section 165), is amended to read as follows: Section 165. A. In lieu of reimbursement for traveling 18 expenses within their county each county commissioner and sheriff 19 may receive a monthly travel allowance of up to One Thousand Dollars 20 (\$1,000.00). In lieu of the reimbursement for traveling expenses 21 authorized by law for each county officer, each county assessor may 22 receive a monthly travel allowance of up to Nine Hundred Dollars 23 (\$900.00), and each county clerk, court clerk and county treasurer 24

- may receive a monthly travel allowance of up to Eight Hundred

 Dollars (\$800.00). Each such county officer may be subject to the

 penalty provided by Section 166 of this title for failure to attend

 the meetings specified in that section.
 - B. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2028 and every fiscal year thereafter, the monthly amount of travel reimbursement allowances for county officers shall increase annually by two percent (2%).
 - C. All newly elected county officials shall be reimbursed by their respective counties for any approved training provided before such official takes office. Such training expenses shall be reimbursed in January when such official takes office.
 - D. The provisions of this section and Sections 163 and 164 of this title shall not prevent the emergency use of a county-owned vehicle or county-owned or leased equipment by a county officer when such county officer is acting on behalf of the county or when such use is related to county business. As used in this subsection, "emergency" means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action.
 - E. The provisions of this section and Sections 163 and 164 of this title shall not prevent the use of county-owned or leased equipment by a county commissioner. For the purposes of this section, county-owned or leased equipment shall not include automobiles or pick-up trucks. The provisions of this subsection shall not be construed to authorize the use of county-owned or

1	leased equipment by a county commissioner for purposes other than
2	county business.
3	SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
4	of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
5	declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
6	be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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8	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT, dated 04/01/2024 - DO PASS.
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