

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 29, 2024

3 SENATE BILL NO. 1512

By: Alvord of the Senate

4 and

5 Cantrell of the House

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8 An Act relating to county commissioners; amending 19  
9 O.S. 2021, Section 165, as amended by Section 1,  
10 Chapter 317, O.S.L. 2023 (19 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section  
11 165), which relates to travel allowance; authorizing  
12 the use of certain equipment by county commissioners;  
13 and declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 165, as  
16 amended by Section 1, Chapter 317, O.S.L. 2023 (19 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
17 Section 165), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 165. A. In lieu of reimbursement for traveling  
19 expenses within their county each county commissioner and sheriff  
20 may receive a monthly travel allowance of up to One Thousand Dollars  
21 (\$1,000.00). In lieu of the reimbursement for traveling expenses  
22 authorized by law for each county officer, each county assessor may  
23 receive a monthly travel allowance of up to Nine Hundred Dollars  
24 (\$900.00), and each county clerk, court clerk and county treasurer  
may receive a monthly travel allowance of up to Eight Hundred

1 Dollars (\$800.00). Each such county officer may be subject to the  
2 penalty provided by Section 166 of this title for failure to attend  
3 the meetings specified in that section.

4 B. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2028 and every fiscal year  
5 thereafter, the monthly amount of travel reimbursement allowances  
6 for county officers shall increase annually by two percent (2%).

7 C. All newly elected county officials shall be reimbursed by  
8 their respective counties for any approved training provided before  
9 such official takes office. Such training expenses shall be  
10 reimbursed in January when such official takes office.

11 D. The provisions of this section and Sections 163 and 164 of  
12 this title shall not prevent the emergency use of a county-owned  
13 vehicle or county-owned or leased equipment by a county officer when  
14 such county officer is acting on behalf of the county or when such  
15 use is related to county business. As used in this subsection,  
16 "emergency" means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the  
17 resulting state that calls for immediate action.

18 E. The provisions of this section and Sections 163 and 164 of  
19 this title shall not prevent the use of county-owned or leased  
20 equipment by a county commissioner. For the purposes of this  
21 section, county-owned or leased equipment shall not include  
22 automobiles or pick-up trucks.

23 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
4 February 29, 2024 - DO PASS  
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