

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 9, 2023

3 SENATE BILL NO. 951

By: Kidd

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6 An Act relating to counties and county officers;  
7 amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 165, which relates to  
8 travel allowances; increasing travel reimbursement  
9 allowances; establishing increasing rate for travel  
10 allowances after certain date; and declaring an  
11 emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 165, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 165. A. In lieu of reimbursement for traveling  
16 expenses within their county each county commissioner and sheriff  
17 may receive a monthly travel allowance of ~~Seven Hundred Dollars~~  
18 ~~(\$700.00)~~ up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). In lieu of the  
19 reimbursement for traveling expenses authorized by law for each  
20 county officer, each county assessor may receive a monthly travel  
21 allowance of ~~Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00)~~ up to Nine Hundred  
22 Dollars (\$900.00), and each county clerk, court clerk and county  
23 treasurer may receive a monthly travel allowance of ~~Five Hundred~~  
24 ~~Dollars (\$500.00)~~ up to Eight Hundred Dollars (\$ 800.00). Each such  
county officer may be subject to the penalty provided by Section 166

1 of this title for failure to attend the meetings specified in that  
2 section.

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

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

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

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

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
22 February 9, 2023 - DO PASS

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