

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

SENATE BILL 1512

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AS INTRODUCED

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 165), which relates to travel allowance; authorizing the use of certain equipment by county commissioners; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

Section 165. A. In lieu of reimbursement for traveling expenses within their county each county commissioner and sheriff may receive a monthly travel allowance of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). In lieu of the reimbursement for traveling expenses authorized by law for each county officer, each county assessor may receive a monthly travel allowance of up to Nine Hundred Dollars (\$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.

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