

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 965

By: Frix

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to juries; amending 21 O.S. 2021, Section 385, which relates to juror misconduct; increasing certain violations to a felony; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2021, Section 385, is amended to read as follows:

A. Every juror or person drawn or summoned as a juror, or chosen arbitrator, or umpire, or appointed referee, who either:

1. Makes any promise or agreement to give a verdict for or against any party; or

2. Willfully permits any communication to be made to him, or receives any book, paper, instrument, or information relative to any cause pending before him, except according to the regular course of proceeding upon the trial of such cause, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

B. Subsequent violations or egregious violations of subsection A of this section may be charged as a felony.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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