

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 SENATE BILL 976

By: Daniels

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to county officers; allowing for  
8 certain counties to employ a county manager;  
9 designating duties of county manager; amending 19  
10 O.S. 2021, Section 1407, which relates to the  
11 membership of county budget boards; providing for  
12 certain ex officio member of county budget board;  
13 making language gender neutral; providing for  
14 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 491 of Title 19, unless there is  
18 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 The board of county commissioners of a county with a population  
20 greater than five hundred thousand (500,000) according to the latest  
21 Federal Decennial Census, with the approval of the county budget  
22 board, may, by resolution, employ and set the salary of a county  
23 manager. Such county manager shall:

24 1. Work with the board of county commissioners, other county  
25 officers, and county employees to improve the efficiency of county  
26 government operations;

- 1           2.   Oversee a county human resources department;
- 2           3.   Assist the board of county commissioners and county budget
- 3 board with developing and implementing the county budget;
- 4           4.   Oversee a county information technology department;
- 5           5.   Serve as an ex officio member of the county budget board;
- 6 and
- 7           6.   Perform other administrative functions delegated to the
- 8 county manager by the board of county commissioners or the county
- 9 budget board.

10           SECTION 2.        AMENDATORY        19 O.S. 2021, Section 1407, is  
11 amended to read as follows:

12           Section 1407. A county budget board is created in each county  
13 which elects to come under the provisions of ~~this act~~ the County  
14 Budget Act. The board shall consist of each elected county officer.  
15 If the county has a county manager, as provided for in Section 1 of  
16 this act, the county manager shall serve as an ex officio member of  
17 the county budget board. The ~~chairman~~ chair of the board of county  
18 commissioners shall serve as ~~chairman~~ chair of the county budget  
19 board. The county clerk shall serve as secretary of the county  
20 budget board. The ~~chairman~~ chair shall have all the rights and  
21 privileges ~~as~~ of any other member of the board, including the right  
22 to vote on questions. Each member of the board shall be entitled to  
23 cast one vote. The members shall elect a ~~vice-chairman~~ vice chair  
24 from among them and develop such other rules or procedures as may be

1 necessary to ensure the orderly conduct of business. The ~~vice-~~  
2 ~~chairman~~ vice chair shall serve as ~~chairman~~ chair during the absence  
3 or vacancy of the ~~chairman~~ chair. When a vacancy occurs in the  
4 office of any county officer serving as a member of the board, such  
5 position on the board shall be considered vacant until the county  
6 office is filled in the manner provided by law. Regular meetings of  
7 the board shall be set by the board. Special meetings shall be held  
8 at the call of the ~~chairman~~ chair or any two ~~(2)~~ members of the  
9 board. A majority of all the members of the board then in office  
10 shall constitute a quorum and have the power to transact business.  
11 Any official action of the board in adopting or revising the county  
12 budget or any portion thereof shall be effective upon the approving  
13 vote of a majority of all the board members then in office.

14 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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