

BILL SUMMARY
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Impact:	See Analysis Below

Research Analysis

SB 483 requires county board of equalization members to complete a minimum of six hours of instruction regarding the duties of the board within 12 months of being appointed to the board. Additionally, members must complete a minimum of three hours of continuing education annually. The measure directs the program director of the Center for Local Government Technology at Oklahoma State University to send a written notification of failure to comply with the educational requirements to the county clerk, the board of county commissioners and the State Auditor and Inspector. Upon receiving such notice, the board of county commissioners shall no longer approve compensation or travel reimbursement for the noncompliant member, and the State Auditor and Inspector shall contact the noncompliant member within 30 calendar days to give them the opportunity to become compliant.

Additionally, the measure increases compensation for members in counties with an assessed value of at least \$2 billion from \$75 to \$125 per day and from \$50 to \$100 per day for members of all other counties.

The measure prohibits board members from missing more than three meeting days per calendar year unless otherwise excused by the member's appointing authority. Members who fail to meet this requirement shall forfeit their office. Any forfeiture of office for failure to comply with these provisions shall be administered by the State Auditor and Inspector.

Lastly, the measure requires county excise board members to complete a course of instruction of at least six hours within 12 months of their appointment and three additional hours for every year of service. County excise board members are also prohibited from missing more than three meeting days per calendar year unless otherwise excused by the member's appointing authority. Failure to comply with these provisions shall result in forfeiture of office in the same process as outlined above. The measure directs the State Auditor and Inspector to promulgate rules to implement these provisions.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 483 in its current form modifies certain training and continuing education requirements for certain county officials. The measure requires the development of certain curriculum by the Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government Technology (OSU-CLGT). OSU-CLGT contends that advancements in virtual training opportunities should allow OSU-CLGT to adequately adapt to potential increased demand for continuing education requirements. Officials for OSU-CLGT do not anticipate an impact to their budget or funding streams as a result of the provisions of SB 483.

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Other Considerations

None.

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