

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE BILL 2653

By: Steagall

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to county officers; amending 19 O.S.
8 2021, Section 516, which relates to the duty and
9 powers of peace officers; establishing that county
sheriffs are the chief law enforcement officers of
the county; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 516, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 516. A. It shall be the duty of the sheriff,
16 undersheriffs and deputies to keep and preserve the peace of their
17 respective counties, and to quiet and suppress all affrays, riots
18 and unlawful assemblies and insurrections, for which purpose and for
19 the service of process in civil and criminal cases, and in
20 apprehending or securing any person for felony or breach of the
21 peace, they and every constable may call to their aid such person or
22 persons of their county as they may deem necessary.
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1 B. The sheriff, in addition to the duties pursuant to
2 subsection A of this section, shall coordinate and administer
3 courthouse security.

4 C. The sheriff is recognized as a constitutional office and is
5 the chief law enforcement officer of the county.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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