

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2757

By: May

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8 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.  
9 2021, Section 314, which relates to investigation of  
10 fires; modifying time period for start of  
11 investigation; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 314, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 314. The State Fire Marshal ~~and~~ or the chief of the  
16 fire department of every city, town or ~~village~~ district in which a  
17 fire department is established, ~~and~~ or the mayor of every  
18 incorporated ~~village~~ city or town in which no fire department  
19 exists, ~~and~~ or the sheriff of the county shall investigate the  
20 cause, origin and circumstances of every fire occurring in such  
21 city, ~~village~~, town district or county by which property has been  
22 destroyed or damaged, and shall especially make investigation as to  
23 whether the cause of such fire was ~~the result of carelessness or~~  
24 ~~design~~ accidental or intentional. Said investigation shall begin

1 within ~~two (2) days, not including Sundays,~~ forty-eight (48) hours  
2 of the occurrence of such fire, ~~and the said Fire Marshal shall have~~  
3 ~~the right to supervise and direct such investigation whenever he~~  
4 ~~deems it necessary or expedient. The officer making the~~  
5 ~~investigation of fires, shall forthwith notify said Fire Marshal and~~  
6 ~~shall within a week of the occurrence of the fire furnish to the~~  
7 ~~said Fire Marshal a written statement of all facts relating to the~~  
8 ~~cause and origin of the fire, and such other information as may be~~  
9 ~~called for by blanks provided by said Marshal. The State Fire~~  
10 ~~Marshal shall keep in his office a record of all fires occurring in~~  
11 ~~the state, together with all facts, statistics and circumstances~~  
12 ~~including the origin of the fires, which may be determined by the~~  
13 ~~investigation provided by this act; such records shall at all times~~  
14 ~~be open to the public inspection, and such portions of it as the~~  
15 ~~insurance commissioner may deem necessary shall be transcribed and~~  
16 ~~forwarded to him within fifteen (15) days from the 1st day of~~  
17 ~~January of each year. The officer making the investigation of fires~~  
18 shall within a week of the occurrence of the fire complete a written  
19 statement of all acts relating to the cause and origin of the fire  
20 and shall within forty-eight (48) hours of the occurrence of such  
21 fire report to the State Fire Marshal all civilian and firefighter  
22 injuries and fatalities resulting from the occurrence of such fire.

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