

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3278

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to counties and county officers;
8 amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 130.7, as amended by
9 Section 1, Chapter 103, O.S.L. 2015 (19 O.S. Supp.
10 2019, Section 130.7), which relates to county
11 officers training programs; modifying continuing
12 education requirements for county officers and
13 deputies; amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 166, which
14 relates to county officer penalties; penalizing
15 failure to complete certain required training;
16 requiring notice of noncompliance; requiring denial
17 of monthly travel allowance under certain
18 circumstances; requiring notice of compliance; and
19 providing an effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 130.7, as
22 amended by Section 1, Chapter 103, O.S.L. 2015 (19 O.S. Supp. 2019,
23 Section 130.7), is amended to read as follows:

24 Section 130.7 ~~A.~~ Each county commissioner, county clerk,
county treasurer, county sheriff and county court clerk holding
office on ~~May 11, 1982~~ January 1, 2021, and those elected thereafter
and the ~~deputies of such elected county officers,~~ shall be required
to ~~participate in the appropriate training programs, as defined in~~

1 ~~subsection B of this section, and educational seminars relevant to~~
2 ~~their positions and duties~~ attend fifteen (15) hours of continuing
3 education per calendar year or thirty (30) hours of continuing
4 education in a two-year rolling period through the County Training
5 Program of the Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma State
6 University conducted pursuant to Sections 130.1 through 130.7 of
7 this title. ~~In addition, county sheriffs and county assessors may~~
8 ~~attend the training programs specified in this section~~ The deputies
9 of such elected county officers shall participate in the training
10 and educational seminars relevant to their positions and duties
11 conducted pursuant to Sections 130.1 through 130.7 of this title.

12 ~~B. Appropriate training programs shall include those programs~~
13 ~~provided by the Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma State~~
14 ~~University.~~

15 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 166, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 166. A. Failure of a county officer to attend any
18 school, conference or meeting unless excused prior thereto shall
19 cause the county officer to forfeit his or her right to the monthly
20 travel allowance provided by Section 165 of this title for the month
21 in which such school, conference or meeting is held. The directing
22 state officer or agency head shall notify the county clerk of the
23 county of the forfeiture of such county officer.

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1 Any county commissioner, county treasurer, county clerk, county
2 sheriff or county court clerk who fails to complete the training
3 requirements pursuant to Section 130.7 of this title shall forfeit
4 his or her right to receive the monthly travel allowance provided by
5 Section 165 of this title. The County Training Program Director of
6 the Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma State University shall
7 send written notification of noncompliance to the county clerk of
8 the county, the board of county commissioners and the State Auditor
9 and Inspector. Upon such notification, the board of county
10 commissioners shall not approve payment of the monthly travel
11 allowance for said county officer. The monthly travel allowance may
12 be reinstated once the county officer becomes compliant with the
13 training requirements. The County Training Program Director of the
14 Cooperative Extension Service shall send written notification to the
15 county clerk of the county, the board of county commissioners and
16 the State Auditor and Inspector when a county officer reestablishes
17 compliance with the training requirements.

18 B. Any county, county officer or deputy may join his or her
19 respective state, national or international association, including
20 but not limited to, the National Association of Counties, the
21 International Association of Assessors and the International
22 Association of Clerks, Records, Election Officials and Treasurers.
23 It shall not be mandatory for a county officer or his or her deputy
24 to attend any meeting, school, institute or conference sponsored or

1 held by anyone other than a state officer or agency head, but if
2 funds are available for travel to such meeting, school, institute or
3 conference, either within or outside this state, from funds
4 appropriated for traveling expenses in addition to the monthly
5 travel allowance provided by Section 165 of this title, then it
6 shall be lawful for such traveling expenses to be paid from such
7 travel funds so appropriated to the county officer or ~~his~~ deputies.

8 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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