

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 3719

By: O'Donnell of the House

3 and

4 Daniels of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to criminal procedure; amending 22
7 O.S. 2021, Section 358, which relates to multicounty
8 grand jury procedures; modifying procedures for
9 determining jurisdiction and venue; and providing an
10 effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2021, Section 358, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 358. A. Any indictment or accusation for removal by a
15 multicounty grand jury shall be returned to the presiding judge
16 without designation of venue. ~~Thereupon, the judge, by order, shall~~
17 ~~designate~~ In the event the Attorney General elects to prosecute said
18 indictment or accusation for removal or the action is referred to
19 another prosecutorial authority, the county of the residence of the
20 defendant shall be the venue of the action for the purpose of trial.
21 The judge, by order, may direct the consolidation of an indictment
22 returned by a county grand jury with an indictment returned by a
23 multicounty grand jury and fix venue for trial.

1 B. If a multicounty grand jury, pursuant to its investigation,
2 learns of an offense for which it lacks jurisdiction to indict, the
3 multicounty grand jury shall direct the Attorney General to inform
4 the appropriate prosecutorial authority.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

6 Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of March, 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

10 Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2024.

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