

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 951

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to counties and county officers;
amending 19 O.S. 2021, Section 165, which relates to
travel allowances; increasing travel reimbursement
allowances; establishing increasing rate for travel
allowances after certain date; and declaring an
emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 165, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 165. A. In lieu of reimbursement for traveling
expenses within their county each county commissioner and sheriff
may receive a monthly travel allowance of ~~Seven Hundred Dollars~~
~~(\$700.00)~~ up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). In lieu of the
reimbursement for traveling expenses authorized by law for each
county officer, each county assessor may receive a monthly travel
allowance of ~~Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00)~~ up to Nine Hundred
Dollars (\$900.00), and each county clerk, court clerk and county
treasurer may receive a monthly travel allowance of ~~Five Hundred~~
~~Dollars (\$500.00)~~ up to Eight Hundred Dollars (\$ 800.00). Each such

1 county officer may be subject to the penalty provided by Section 166
2 of this title for failure to attend the meetings specified in that
3 section.

4 B. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2028 and every fiscal year
5 thereafter, the monthly amount of travel reimbursement allowances
6 for county officers shall increase annually by two percent (2%).

7 C. All newly elected county officials shall be reimbursed by
8 their respective counties for any approved training provided before
9 such official takes office. Such training expenses shall be
10 reimbursed in January when such official takes office.

11 ~~E.~~ D. The provisions of this section and Sections 163 and 164
12 of this title shall not prevent the emergency use of a county-owned
13 vehicle or county-owned equipment by a county officer when such
14 county officer is acting on behalf of the county or when such use is
15 related to county business. As used in this subsection, "emergency"
16 means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting
17 state that calls for immediate action.

18 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
19 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
20 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
21 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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