

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 9, 2023

3 SENATE BILL NO. 951

By: Kidd

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

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

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

15 Section 165. A. In lieu of reimbursement for traveling
16 expenses within their county each county commissioner and sheriff
17 may receive a monthly travel allowance of ~~Seven Hundred Dollars~~
18 ~~(\$700.00)~~ up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). In lieu of the
19 reimbursement for traveling expenses authorized by law for each
20 county officer, each county assessor may receive a monthly travel
21 allowance of ~~Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00)~~ up to Nine Hundred
22 Dollars (\$900.00), and each county clerk, court clerk and county
23 treasurer may receive a monthly travel allowance of ~~Five Hundred~~
24 ~~Dollars (\$500.00)~~ up to Eight Hundred Dollars (\$ 800.00). Each such
county officer may be subject to the penalty provided by Section 166

1 of this title for failure to attend the meetings specified in that
2 section.

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

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

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

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

21 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT
22 February 9, 2023 - DO PASS

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