1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA 2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019) 3 SENATE BILL 981 By: Stanislawski 4 5 6 AS INTRODUCED 7 An Act relating to county retirement; amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 971, which relates to annual 8 contributions to savings plans; modifying amount of county contribution to certain plans; updating 9 statutory references; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency. 10 11 12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA: 13 SECTION 1. 19 O.S. 2011, Section 971, is AMENDATORY 14 amended to read as follows: 15 Section 971. A. Effective July 1, 1999, each county of the 16 state may establish a County Officer and Employee Deferred Savings 17 Incentive Plan as authorized by this act section. 18 B. A county electing to establish a County Officer and Employee 19 Deferred Savings Incentive Plan shall establish a County Officer and 20 Employee Deferred Savings Incentive Plan Fund for the payment of 21 matching employer contributions as provided by this section, subject 22 to the limit upon the amount of the matching employer contribution 23

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as provided by law. The participating employer shall pay the

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contributions from the same source of funds used in paying salary to the county officer or employee.

- C. Subject to the limit imposed by subsection D of this section, for each qualified participant as defined in this section, the board of county commissioners of each county electing to establish a County Officer and Employee Deferred Savings Incentive Plan shall pay each month from the County Officer and Employee Deferred Savings Incentive Plan Fund a sum equal to the amount contributed each month by the participating county officer or employee to the deferred compensation plan account established for the participant pursuant to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- D. The board of county commissioners of each county shall set the amount of county contribution, but the amount of the contribution made by the county pursuant to subsection C of this section shall not exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
- E. The payment of the matching employer contribution as authorized by this section by any county electing to establish a County Officer and Employee Deferred Savings Incentive Plan shall be made to a plan established pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code, Section 401(a), for the benefit of the officers and employees of the county.

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F. For the purposes of this section, "qualified participant" means a:

- 1. "County employee" as defined by Section 957 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes who is a participant in a deferred compensation plan established by the county pursuant to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and
- 2. "County officer" as defined by Section 131 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes who is a participant in a deferred compensation plan established by the county pursuant to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- G. The board of county commissioners for each county electing to create a County Officer and Employee Deferred Savings Incentive Plan shall be responsible for establishing rules and plan documents for administration of the plan and all contributions made to the plan.
- H. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 10 of Article XXIII of the Oklahoma Constitution, no county officer shall be able to receive matching contributions in the County Officer and Employee Deferred Savings Incentive Plan account described by this section during a term of office which commenced prior to the effective date of this act. A county officer may participate in the County Officer and Employee Deferred Savings Incentive Plan described by this section during a term of office which commences after the effective date of this act July 1, 1999.

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SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2019.
SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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