

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2282

By: Pfeiffer, Meredith, West
(Kevin), Tadlock, Hill,
West (Josh), Randleman,
Boles, Miller and Roberts
(Sean) of the House

and

Rosino, Murdock, Weaver,
Boggs, Kidd, Sharp,
Standridge, Simpson,
Pederson, Paxton,
Bergstrom, Scott and Shaw
of the Senate

An Act relating to corrections; amending 57 O.S.
2011, Section 54, which relates to persons authorized
to act as jailers; modifying qualifying jailers; and
declaring an emergency.

SUBJECT: Jailers

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 54, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 54. The jailer, jail director or keeper of the jail shall, unless the sheriff elects to act as jailer in person, be a deputy appointed by the sheriff; provided, that the sheriff may, with approval as provided in Section 162 of Title 19 of the Oklahoma Statutes, appoint civilian employees as the sheriff may require to operate the county jail. Those persons hired as civilian employees need not complete the training prescribed for peace officers, as provided by Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, but need only complete such training as the sheriff deems necessary for

the civilians to properly perform the duties assigned to them, or such training as may otherwise be prescribed by law. The jailer shall take the necessary oaths before entering upon the duties of the office. A jailer ~~in a county having a population of greater than four hundred thousand (400,000), according to the latest Federal Decennial Census,~~ may be authorized by the sheriff of the county to use nonlethal weaponry upon completion of appropriate training. The sheriff shall in all cases be liable for the negligence and misconduct of the jailer as of other deputies.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to jails operated by private prison contractors pursuant to a contract with the board of county commissioners.

SECTION 2. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 17th day of April, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 11th day of April, 2019.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this _____

day of _____, 20_____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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