

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

4 ENGROSSED SENATE
5 BILL NO. 3

By: Rosino of the Senate

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7 Kannady of the House

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9 An Act relating to counties and county officers;
10 amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 245, as amended by
11 Section 1, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2013 (19 O.S. Supp.
12 2018, Section 245), which relates to county clerks;
13 modifying requirements for the assessment of certain
14 fees for dissemination of records; and providing an
15 effective date.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 245, as
18 amended by Section 1, Chapter 360, O.S.L. 2013 (19 O.S. Supp. 2018,
19 Section 245), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 245. A. It shall be the duty of the county clerk to
21 designate upon every account, which shall be audited and allowed by
22 the board, the amount so allowed, and the clerk shall deliver to any
23 person a copy certified or otherwise of any record in the clerk's
24 office and any account on file thereon, upon receiving the fee
allowed pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Records Act or the county

1 clerk fee schedule, Section 32 of Title 28 of the Oklahoma Statutes,
2 for every page contained in the copy. Upon demand, the clerk shall
3 furnish a certified copy in the form as it exists and at the
4 preference of the requestor as provided by the Oklahoma Open Records
5 Act or the county clerk fee schedule.

6 B. If the clerk provides records in an electronic format, the
7 clerk may charge a reasonable fee for providing such records. For
8 purposes of this section, "reasonable fee" shall mean the fee ~~being~~
9 charged by the clerk ~~as of January 1, 2013, but~~ shall not exceed
10 twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per ~~page~~ image or fifteen cents (\$0.15)
11 per ~~page~~ image for providing more than three thousand five hundred
12 ~~pages~~ (3,500) images in an electronic format. All recording devices
13 for providing records in an electronic format shall be supplied by
14 the county clerk. News media obtaining records in an electronic
15 format for a news purpose and licensed abstractors performing their
16 duties pursuant to state law shall be exempt from the fees provided
17 for in this subsection. Nothing in this section shall be construed
18 to allow county clerks to provide all or part of a tract index for
19 use in any commercial purpose.

20 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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22 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 03/27/2019 - DO
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