

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 58th Legislature (2022)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3747

By: Lowe (Jason)

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An Act relating to crimes and punishments; creating the Judge Timothy R. Henderson Act; making certain acts unlawful; providing penalties; defining term; providing for noncodification; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Judge Timothy R. Henderson Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 593 of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It shall be unlawful for a judge of any court in this state to engage in a sexual relationship with a lawyer who is:

1. Representing a client in a civil or criminal action or proceeding; or

1 2. Prosecuting a criminal case on behalf of the state or
2 municipality,
3 then pending or about to be brought before the same judge. A judge
4 who violates the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction,
5 be guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment in the custody of
6 the Department of Corrections for a term of not more than two (2)
7 years, or a fine of not less than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00)
8 and not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), or by
9 both such fine and imprisonment.

10 B. As used in this section, "sexual relationship" means an
11 established course of sexual relations.

12 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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