

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1512

By: Alvord of the Senate

3 and

4 Cantrell of the House

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6 An Act relating to county commissioners; amending 19  
7 O.S. 2021, Section 165, as amended by Section 1,  
8 Chapter 317, O.S.L. 2023 (19 O.S. Supp. 2023, Section  
9 165), which relates to travel allowance; authorizing  
10 the use of certain equipment by county commissioners;  
11 and declaring an emergency.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 165, as  
14 amended by Section 1, Chapter 317, O.S.L. 2023 (19 O.S. Supp. 2023,  
15 Section 165), is amended to read as follows:

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

1 penalty provided by Section 166 of this title for failure to attend  
2 the meetings specified in that 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 D. The provisions of this section and Sections 163 and 164 of  
11 this title shall not prevent the emergency use of a county-owned  
12 vehicle or county-owned or leased equipment by a county officer when  
13 such county officer is acting on behalf of the county or when such  
14 use is related to county business. As used in this subsection,  
15 "emergency" means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the  
16 resulting state that calls for immediate action.

17 E. The provisions of this section and Sections 163 and 164 of  
18 this title shall not prevent the use of county-owned or leased  
19 equipment by a county commissioner. For the purposes of this  
20 section, county-owned or leased equipment shall not include  
21 automobiles or pick-up trucks. The provisions of this subsection  
22 shall not be construed to authorize the use of county-owned or  
23 leased equipment by a county commissioner for purposes other than  
24 county business.

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

5 Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 2024.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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9 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
10 2024.

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