

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2014 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By deleting the content of the entire measure, and by inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendment submitted by: Daniel Pae

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Reading Clerk

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

3 PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2014

By: Pae

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8 PROPOSED SUBCOMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9 An Act relating to civil procedure; amending 12 O.S.  
10 2021, Section 921.1, which relates to Legal Services  
11 Revolving Fund; expanding the scope of the funds for  
12 representation of indigent person's forcible entry  
13 and detainer actions; defining term; and providing an  
14 effective date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 12 O.S. 2021, Section 921.1, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 921.1. A. The Attorney General shall allocate funds  
19 from the Legal Services Revolving Fund to provide legal  
20 representation to indigent persons in this state in civil legal  
21 matters to the extent that funds are available from the Legal  
22 Services Revolving Fund. The Attorney General shall be responsible  
23 for allocating these funds pursuant to contract with eligible  
24 regional or statewide organizations which ordinarily render legal  
services to indigent persons. The Attorney General may charge an

1 administrative fee for administering the contracts. The funds shall  
2 be allocated for the benefit of indigent clients in all seventy-  
3 seven (77) counties of the state on a pro rata basis, utilizing an  
4 allocation formula that distributes funds according to the number of  
5 residents whose incomes are less than the official United States  
6 federal poverty guidelines, based on the United States census data,  
7 as a percentage of the total number of these residents in this state  
8 and which reserves funds for services for specialized areas of law.

9 B. As used in this section, "eligible organization" means an  
10 entity that:

11 1. Is organized as a not-for-profit corporation that is tax  
12 exempt pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (3) of subsection (c)  
13 of Section 501 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986,  
14 as amended;

15 2. Has as its primary purpose the furnishing of legal  
16 assistance to eligible clients;

17 3. Has a board of directors or other governing body the  
18 majority of which is comprised of attorneys who are admitted to  
19 practice in this state and who are approved to serve on such body by  
20 the governing bodies of the state or county bar associations and has  
21 at least one-third (1/3) of the membership who, when selected, are  
22 eligible clients; and

23 4. Is incorporated pursuant to any applicable laws of this  
24 state.

1 C. As a condition of the contract, the organization shall be  
2 required to determine the eligibility of any person seeking legal  
3 services pursuant to this section.

4 D. The Attorney General shall prepare annually and distribute  
5 to the Judiciary committees of the Senate and the House of  
6 Representatives and the Legal Services Committee of the Oklahoma Bar  
7 Association a report detailing expenditures of funds for  
8 representation to indigent persons in civil legal matters.

9 E. Each organization that contracts to provide legal services  
10 pursuant to subsection A of this section shall maintain books and  
11 records in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.  
12 The books and records shall account for the receipt and expenditure  
13 of all funds paid pursuant to contract. Books and records shall be  
14 maintained for a period of five (5) years from the close of the  
15 fiscal year of the contract period. The State Auditor and Inspector  
16 shall audit each organization annually. The necessary expense of  
17 each audit, including, but not limited to, the cost of typing,  
18 printing, and binding, shall be paid from funds of the organization.  
19 In lieu of the audit by the State Auditor and Inspector, the  
20 organization may submit an audit prepared by an independent auditing  
21 firm for compliance with federal auditing requirements. A copy of  
22 the audit prepared by or submitted to the State Auditor and  
23 Inspector shall be submitted to the Attorney General.

1 F. Funds for representation of indigent persons in civil legal  
2 matters shall be limited to family law legal services with priority  
3 given to cases involving domestic and family violence and abuse and  
4 to residential tenants in actions for forcible entry and detainer,  
5 commonly known as evictions. In no event shall such funds ever be  
6 used for any of the following activities:

7 1. Provision of legal services in a fee-generating case unless  
8 appropriate private representation is not available;

9 2. Provision of legal services in any criminal proceeding;

10 3. Provision of legal services collaterally attacking the  
11 validity of a criminal conviction;

12 4. Provision of legal services which seek to procure an  
13 abortion;

14 5. Provision of legal representation relating to the  
15 desegregation of any school or school system;

16 6. Provision of legal services involving any proceeding derived  
17 from the Military Selective Service Act;

18 7. Provision of legal services to advocate for or oppose any  
19 altering of a legislative, judicial, or elective district at any  
20 level of government; and

21 8. Provision of legal services to challenge a census of the  
22 United States of America.

23 G. For purposes of this section "indigent" means an income  
24 level of not more than two hundred (200%) percent of the federal

1 poverty guidelines as most recently published in the Federal  
2 Register.

3     H. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving  
4 fund for the Office of the Attorney General to be designated the  
5 "Legal Services Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing  
6 fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of  
7 all monies received by the Office of the Attorney General for  
8 indigent legal services from funds appropriated to the fund, federal  
9 funds, gifts, donations, and grants. All monies accruing to the  
10 credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and  
11 expended by the Attorney General for the purpose of providing legal  
12 services to indigent clients pursuant to the provisions of this  
13 section. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants  
14 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by  
15 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
16 Services for approval and payment.

17     SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

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