

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 SENATE BILL 121

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to emergency medical services;
8 authorizing boards of county commissioners to
9 implement certain fees; stating purpose; stating
10 exception; providing for fee collection by electric
11 service providers; stating procedures for collection
12 and remittance of fees; providing for codification;
13 and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1225 of Title 19, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. In addition to the methods of funding available to counties
19 to provide for emergency medical services pursuant to Section 9C of
20 Article 10 of the Oklahoma Constitution and the Ambulance Service
21 Districts Act, each board of county commissioners is authorized and
22 may elect, by majority vote of the commissioners, to implement a fee
23 on each residential electric consumer within the county to fund
24 emergency medical services. Provided, such fee shall not be
imposed on county residents located within the service territory of

1 an existing emergency medical service district operated by another
2 entity that currently charges a fee for services.

3 B. The board of county commissioners is authorized to set a
4 reasonable fee solely for the purpose of providing emergency medical
5 service to county residents to be collected monthly by each retail
6 electric service provider in the county. A residential consumer
7 shall be required to pay only one fee per separate address
8 regardless of the number of meters registered to such address.

9 C. Retail electric providers, subject to the provisions of this
10 section, shall remit all fees collected pursuant to this section to
11 the County Treasurer on a monthly basis. Retail electric providers
12 shall not be required to prorate incomplete fee payments or collect
13 delinquent fees, but may establish with each board of county
14 commissioners a method to inform the county of nonpayment. The
15 board of county commissioners may determine methods to resolve
16 delinquent payments by county residents.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 2016.

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