An Act

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 277

By: Montgomery of the Senate

and

Pae, Waldron, Fugate and West (Kevin) of the House

An Act relating to cities and towns; amending Section 2, Chapter 326, O.S.L. 2014, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 52, O.S.L. 2017 (11 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 22-110.1), which relates to municipalities prohibited from requiring registration of real property; authorizing municipalities to collect certain information relating to public nuisances, dilapidated properties or unlawful conduct; prohibiting municipalities to assess fee for collection of information; requiring municipal governments to keep collected information confidential; updating statutory references; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Cities and towns

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 326, O.S.L. 2014, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 52, O.S.L. 2017 (11 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 22-110.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 22-110.1. A. For purposes of promoting commerce and the equitable treatment of the citizens of this state, the registration of any real property by any municipality is declared to

be a statewide concern and shall be prohibited pursuant to subsection B of this section.

- B. No municipality shall enact or attempt to enforce through fees, civil fines or criminal penalties any ordinance, rule or regulation to require the registration of real property. Any ordinance, rule or regulation contrary to the provisions of this section, whether enacted prior to or after the effective date of this act August 22, 2014, is declared null and void and unenforceable against every owner, purchaser, assignee, lessee, mortgagee or beneficiary of any interest in the real property.
- C. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a municipality from creating a list of the property owners or the designees of property owners of residential, commercial or leased real property to ensure the public safety and welfare of its citizens.

Additionally, for the purpose of addressing public nuisances, dilapidated properties or other unlawful conduct in accordance with their general police powers, municipal governments may require:

- 1. Contact information of persons or entities responsible for emergency contracts and property maintenance for property outlined in this subsection; or
- 2. The name of a person or entity authorized to receive notice and service of process for property outlined in this subsection, along with their contact information.

Municipal governments shall not collect a fee to administer the collection of information authorized in this section.

- D. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a municipality from enacting and enforcing rules and regulations to require real property owners to comply with the provisions of this section and established occupancy standards as set forth by ordinance and state law.
- E. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a municipality from requiring the owner of property that is the subject of any abatement process provided in this title to provide the name, physical address and telephone number of an individual to receive and respond to

communications concerning the property subject to the abatement process. No future action taken by the municipality shall be rendered ineffective due to the failure of the property owner to provide the information pursuant to this subsection. The municipality shall not assess any additional charge when requiring the information.

- F. Information obtained by the municipal government under this section shall be confidential and not subject to disclosure under the Open Records Act.
- SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 24A.33 of Title 51, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Any contact information of persons or entities responsible for emergency contracts and property maintenance for property and the names of persons or entities in this state authorized to receive notice and service of process for property outlined in Section 22-110.1 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be kept confidential by the requesting municipal governments.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this ______ day of ______, 20 _____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By:

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