

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 341

By: Bice of the Senate

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3 and

4 Dunnington of the House

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6 [criminal procedure - misdemeanor warrants - time
7 limitation on validity - expiration date -
retroactive application - effective date]

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

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 231, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 Section 231. A. In all misdemeanor cases, before a warrant
14 shall issue for the arrest of the defendant the complaint must be
15 submitted to or drawn by the district attorney, ~~or drawn by him~~ and
16 ~~indorsed~~ endorsed as follows: "I have examined the facts in this
17 case and recommend that a warrant do issue", and then filed with the
18 court. If the action be brought without such endorsement the
19 complaining witness must file with the court a bond to be approved
20 by the court in a sum not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00),
21 conditioned to pay all costs, and the county shall in no event be
22 liable for any costs incurred in that action, unless the complaint
23 be first so endorsed by the district attorney.

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1 B. A misdemeanor warrant shall not be effective for an amount
2 of time greater than the statute of limitations for the underlying
3 crime pursuant to Section 152 of this title. Every misdemeanor
4 warrant issued shall include a date of expiration not longer than
5 three (3) years after issuance, after which the warrant shall no
6 longer be valid. The requirements of this subsection shall be
7 applied retroactively to any outstanding misdemeanor warrant.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
9 Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 2019.

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12 Presiding Officer of the Senate

13 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
14 2019.

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