1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)
4	ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 484 By: Dahm of the Senate
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6	and
7	O'Donnell of the House
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10	An Act relating to counties and county officers; amending 19 O.S. 2011, Section 4, which relates to
11	status and power of counties; modifying means by
12	which lawsuits may be brought against a county; and providing an effective date.
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15	BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
16	SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2011, Section 4, is
17	amended to read as follows:
18	Section 4. In all suits or proceedings by or against a county,
19	the name in which a county shall sue or be sued shall be, "Board of
20	County Commissioners of the County of," but this provision
21	shall not prevent county officers, where authorized by law, from
22	suing in their official name for the benefit of the county. Suit
23	may be brought against a county by naming a county officer
24	identified in Section 161 of this title when it is alleged that such

1	officer in his or her official capacity is directly or vicariously
2	liable to plaintiff in an action not arising out of contract.
3	Otherwise, suit may be brought against a county by naming the Board
4	of County Commissioners of the County of ; in actions against
5	the Board not arising out of contract, upon motion, the Court may
6	substitute a county officer identified in Section 161 of this title
7	in his or her official capacity for the Board upon a showing that
8	such county officer is better suited to represent and defend the
9	county under the particular facts of the case.
10	SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.
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12	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, dated 04/02/2019 - DO PASS.
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