STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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2ND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL 671

By: (Newberry), Marlatt and (Jolley) of the Senate

and

(Hickman), Cooksey, Roan
and McDaniel (Randy) of the House

An Act relating to foreign laws; defining term; providing exception; stating legislative findings; prohibiting enforcement or utilization of foreign laws under certain circumstances; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW  A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 20 of Title 12, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. For purposes of this act, "foreign law" means any law, rule, code or legal system of a jurisdiction outside of the states or territories of the United States of America, but does not include any law, rule, code or legal system of federally recognized Indian tribes.
B. The Legislature finds that it shall be the public policy of this state to protect its citizens from certain applications of foreign laws.

C. A court, arbitrator, administrative agency or other adjudicative, mediation or enforcement authority shall not enforce or utilize any foreign law if doing so would permit a means of mitigating punishment or provide a defense or justification for the commission of a misdemeanor or felony, as defined in Title 21 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.