

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 HOUSE BILL 2274

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to criminal procedure; amending 22
8 O.S. 2011, Sections 453 and 458, which relate to
9 officers bringing persons in custody to court and
10 fixing amount of bail; providing gender-neutral
11 language; establishing time limitation for certain
12 court appearances; requiring counsel for defendant at
13 initial appearance; directing court to determine
14 ability of defendant to pay bail; amending 22 O.S.
15 2011, Section 470, which relates to arraignment
16 procedures; decreasing time limitation for
17 arraignment of defendants taken into custody;
18 requiring counsel for defendant at arraignment;
19 directing court to schedule preliminary hearing when
20 applicable; and providing an effective date.

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

26 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 453, is
27 amended to read as follows:

28 Section 453. ~~When his~~ Whether or not the personal appearance of
29 a defendant is necessary, if he ~~be~~ or she is in custody, the court
30 ~~may shall~~ direct the officer in whose custody ~~he~~ the defendant is to
31 bring him ~~before it to be arraigned, and the officer must do so~~
32 ~~accordingly~~ or her before the court as soon as possible, but in no
33 case later than forty-eight (48) hours after being taken into

1 custody, inclusive of weekends and holidays. The defendant shall be
2 entitled to counsel at the initial appearance.

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 458, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 458. A. If the offense charged is bailable the court,
6 upon directing the bench warrant to issue, must fix the amount of
7 bail and an endorsement must be made on the bench warrant and signed
8 by the clerk, to the following effect:

9 The defendant is to be admitted to bail in the sum of
10 Dollars.

11 B. At his or her initial appearance, the defendant shall be
12 entitled to counsel and a determination of his or her ability to pay
13 the bail fixed in the warrant.

14 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 2011, Section 470, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 470. The arraignment of the defendant shall be held
17 within ~~thirty (30) days~~ forty-eight (48) hours after the defendant
18 is ~~ordered held for trial~~ taken into custody upon a preliminary
19 information charging the commission of a felony; ~~provided, for good~~
20 ~~cause, the court may set a later date.~~ The defendant shall be
21 entitled to counsel at the arraignment and shall be provided a copy
22 of the charge against him or her. The court shall schedule a
23 preliminary hearing in applicable cases.

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SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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