An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2568

By: Thomsen of the House

and

Paddack and Ivester of the Senate

An Act relating to jurors; amending 21 O.S. 2011, Section 388, which relates to attempts to influence jurors; making language gender-neutral; creating felony offense; modifying punishment; and providing an effective date.

SUBJECT: Jurors

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 2011, Section 388, is amended to read as follows:

Section 388. Every person who attempts to influence a juror, or any person summoned or drawn as a juror, or chosen as arbitrator or appointed a referee, in respect to his or her verdict, or decision of any cause or matter pending, or about to be brought before him or her, either:

~~1st,~~ 1. By means of any communication oral or written had with him or her, except in the regular course of proceedings upon the trial of the cause;

~~2nd,~~ 2. By means of any book, paper, or instrument, exhibited otherwise than in the regular course of proceedings, upon the trial of the cause;

~~3rd,~~ 3. By means of any threat or intimidation; or

~~4th,~~ 4. By means of any assurance or promise of any pecuniary or other advantage~~; or~~,

~~5th, By publishing any statement, argument or observation relating to the cause,~~ is guilty of a ~~misdemeanor~~ felony punishable by a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) or by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary not to exceed ten (10) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of May, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 15th day of April, 2014.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 15th

day of May, 20 14, at 11:25 o'clock A M.

By: Audrey Rockwell

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 21st

day of May, 20 14, at 2:16 o'clock P M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 21st

day of May, 20 14, at 5:05 o'clock P. M.

By: C. L. Benge