



OFFICE OF

No. SB 1152

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., March 30, 2004

TIME SIGNED: 5:15 p.m.

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
SECOND SESSION, FORTY-NINTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 1152:

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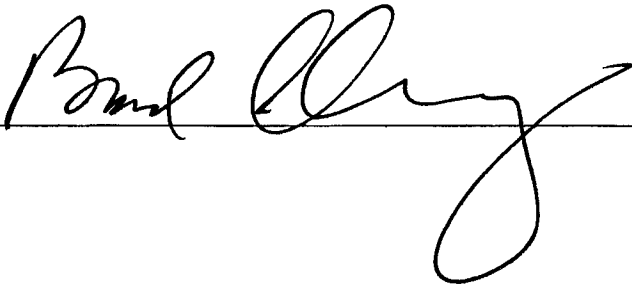
WILKERSON of the SENATE

and

HARRISON, BLACKWELL and
DORMAN of the HOUSE

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED Senate Bill 1152. This bill creates a new statute which would require the Governor to appoint a full-time state employee who is an attorney employed by one agency to represent another agency when the Attorney General's office is disqualified. While this idea has merit and should be discussed further, this legislation, as drafted, is inflexible, unduly limits available options to create efficiencies and save the state money, and would create an undue hardship on the employing agency to have its attorneys randomly assigned to other agencies, especially since there is no provision to allow for payment for the attorney. Additionally, the assigned attorney may not have either the time or the expertise to represent the requesting agency. It would create a hardship on the requesting agency if it was assigned an attorney without the required expertise to represent the requesting agency in a particular matter, potentially exposing the state to significant liability and additional costs.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA



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