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## **Oklahoma Bans Cities from Setting Local Minimum Wages.**

Oklahoma's cities and counties are banned from setting their own minimum wage standards under a bill signed into law Monday by Gov. Mary Fallin.

"Senate Bill 1023 protects our economy from bad public policy that would destroy Oklahoma jobs," Fallin said in a prepared statement. "Mandating a minimum wage increase at the local level would drive businesses to other communities and states, and would raise prices for consumers."

Fallin's action appears to thwart efforts by an Oklahoma City group that had been circulating a petition calling for a local vote on whether to increase the city's minimum wage from the national standard of \$7.25 an hour up to \$10.10 an hour.

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