

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 275

BY: DICKERSON of the SENATE

and

THOMAS of the HOUSE

[STATE GOVERNMENT - CODIFICATION - EFFECTIVE DATE -

EMERGENCY]

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 9.41 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created and established an agency of the executive branch of state government to be known as the Office on Aging.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9.42 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Office on Aging shall have the following powers and duties:

1. Identifying the needs of the elderly and aging on a continuing basis and to attempt to meet those needs;
2. Serving as a referral and information source for the elderly and aging seeking services and for agencies seeking assistance in their provision of service;

3. Generating community awareness and support of programs on aging;

4. Advising and assisting the Governor and the Legislature in developing policies to meet the needs of the elderly and aging;

5. Exercising the powers and duties now vested in the Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Services and the Commission for Human Services; and

6. Exercising the powers and duties now vested in the State Board of Health in relation to Eldercare services.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9.43 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Office on Aging shall be administered by a Director to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

B. The Director shall appoint and affix the duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, and otherwise direct the work of the staff in performing the functions and accomplishing the purposes of the Office on Aging.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9.44 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Office on Aging shall be assisted by the Advisory Committee to the Office on Aging which shall be composed of twenty (20) members: ten of whom shall be appointed by the Governor; five of whom shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and five of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. Each member shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The Governor shall designate the chairman. The committee shall elect from among its membership a vice-chairman and a secretary.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9.45 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

All the powers, duties, functions, records, employees, property, matters pending and funds of the Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Services are hereby transferred to the Office on Aging.

SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 9.46 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

All the powers, duties, functions, records, employees, property, matters pending and funds related to the Eldercare Program within the State Department of Health are hereby transferred to the Office on Aging.

SECTION 7. This act shall become effective July 1, 1991.

SECTION 8. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 12th day of March, 1991.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of

_____, 1991.

Speaker of the House of Representatives