

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

SENATE BILL NO. 428

BY: SMITH

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO CIVIL PROCEDURE; REQUIRING  
DISTRICT COURT CLERKS TO KEEP SEAL; STATING CONTENT  
AND CONSTRUCTION OF SEAL; PROVIDING FOR USAGE OF  
SEAL; PROHIBITING MISUSE OF SEAL; PROVIDING  
CRIMINAL PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND  
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 38 of Title 12, unless there is  
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Every clerk of a district court shall keep a seal, to be  
furnished by the county, which shall contain the name of the county  
and the words "Oklahoma" and "District Court". The seal may be  
either metallic or non-metallic.

B. Every instrument, document, record, paper or other thing  
required to be certified by the court or by the court clerk shall  
contain the seal of the court clerk.

C. Any person who uses the seal of the court clerk with the  
intent to deceive or mislead any person as to the authenticity of  
the seal, a certification required by subsection B of this section,

or the thing to which the seal is applied shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1991.

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