

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

SENATE BILL NO. 553

BY: CHANDLER

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS; AMENDING
21 O.S. 1981, SECTION 1201, WHICH RELATES TO FALSE
STATEMENTS; REQUIRING NEWSPAPERS TO OBTAIN CERTAIN
INFORMATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 21 O.S. 1981, Section 1201, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 1201. A. Every editor or proprietor of any newspaper
who willfully publishes in such newspaper as true, any statement
which he has not good reason to believe to be true, with intent to
increase thereby the sales of copies of such paper, is guilty of a
misdemeanor.

B. Every editor or proprietor of any newspaper shall request of
all persons supplying information to a newspaper to give a name,
address and telephone number, if applicable, if the newspaper
intends to use the information without attributing the source.
However, the newspaper may withhold the name from publication upon
request of the source.

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

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