

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 302

By: Helton and Wilkerson of the
Senate

and

Benson of the House

An Act relating to poor persons; authorizing certain director to commission certain employees as peace officers; specifying authority and procedures for qualification; limiting use and possession of firearms; providing for codification; and declaring an 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 162.4 of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Director of the Department of Human Services shall have the authority to commission certified employees within the Office of the Inspector General of the Department as peace officers. The authority of employees so commissioned shall include the authority to investigate crimes committed against the Department or crimes committed in the course of any program administered by the Department. Employees so commissioned shall also have the authority to serve and execute process, bench warrants and other court orders in any judicial or administrative proceeding in which the Department is a party or participant. Use and possession of firearms shall be at the discretion of the Director of the Department of Human Services, for the fraud unit only. To become qualified as peace officers for the commission, employees shall first obtain a certificate as provided for in Section 3311 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. 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 13th day of May, 1993.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of May, 1993.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives