

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 44th Legislature (1994)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2051

By: Larason

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to crimes and punishments; abrogating the "year-and-a-day" rule; 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 696 of Title 21, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The common-law rule of evidence applicable to homicide prosecutions known as the "year-and-a-day rule" which provides a conclusive presumption that an injury is not the cause of death or that whether it is the cause cannot be discerned if the interval between the infliction of the injury and the death of the victim exceeds a year and a day, is hereby abrogated and does not apply in this state.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1994.

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