

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1167

By: Seikel, Tyler, Voskuhl,  
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of the House

and

Monson of the Senate

An Act relating to poor persons; amending Section 3, Chapter 156, O.S.L. 1993 (56 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 241.1), which relates to the electronic benefit identification system; authorizing programs implementation and benefit payment schedule to be staggered; removing certain restriction; amending Section 1, Chapter 221, O.S.L. 1994 (19 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 266), which relates to certain fees and charges for certain services by county clerk; clarifying reference; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 156, O.S.L. 1993 (56 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 241.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 241.1 A. The Department of Human Services shall develop an electronic benefit identification program as authorized by the United States Department of Agriculture to expediently and accurately determine the eligibility of and extent or limit of

benefits of clients, and to service providers and other persons providing consumer-related goods to food stamp recipients and to recipients of other assistance programs.

B. 1. The implementation of the electronic benefit identification system for programs for recipients of food stamps and other assistance may be made on a staggered basis.

2. To provide for the implementation of the programs for recipients of food stamps and other assistance on the electronic benefit identification system and as determined necessary by the Department for such implementation, in compliance with federal law, the benefit payment schedule for recipients may be modified or adjusted to allow for the payment of such benefits on a staggered basis upon written notice to the recipients at least three (3) months prior to the modification or adjustment of the benefit payment schedule. Said system shall ~~not~~ be implemented ~~until it is determined to be cost-neutral to the state and shall become effective only~~ upon the awarding of a contract with a vendor selected by competitive bid with the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 221, O.S.L. 1994 (19 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 266), is amended to read as follows:

Section 266. The county clerk may charge any state agency or other state governmental entity, except child support enforcement offices operated by or for the benefit of the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Human Services and rural water districts organized pursuant to Section 1324.1 et seq. of Title 82 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the usual and customary fee for filing any document with the county clerk and may charge the usual and customary fee for making copies of any document.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

SECTION 4. 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 House of Representatives the 7th day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1995.

President of the Senate