

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2612

By: Perry

An Act relating to counties and county officers;
amending Section 16, Chapter 334, O.S.L. 1993 (19
O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 531), which relates to
Inmate Trust Fund Checking Accounts maintained by
county sheriffs; providing for deduction of inmate
monies from certain account for provision of
medical and copying services provided to inmate;
prohibiting indigent inmates from being deprived of
certain services under certain circumstances; and
providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 16, Chapter 334, O.S.L.
1993 (19 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 531), is amended to read as
follows:

Section 531. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, the
county sheriff may establish a checking account, to be designated
the "Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account", to be managed by the
county sheriff and maintained separately from regular county funds.
The checking account shall be subject to audit by the State Auditor
and Inspector. The county sheriff shall deposit all monies
collected from inmates incarcerated in the county jail into this
checking account and may write checks to the Sheriff's Commissary

Account for purchases made by the inmate during his or her incarceration and to the inmate from unencumbered balances due the inmate upon his or her discharge. The sheriff may deduct from an account under the control of the county sheriff or from a commissary account an amount of Eight Dollars (\$8.00) per month from any monies collected from an inmate as a medical copayment if that inmate receives medical services while incarcerated in the county jail. The county sheriff may deduct an amount of ten cents (\$0.10) per page from any monies collected from an inmate for copies made at the request of the inmate. Under no circumstances shall an indigent inmate be deprived of medical services or a reasonable number of copies due to lack of money of the inmate in the Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account or the Sheriff's Commissary Account. The State Auditor and Inspector shall prescribe procedures for the operation of the Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account. Banking fees on the account may be paid out of the Sheriff Commissary Account or the county sheriff's Service Fee Cash Fund.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1996.

Passed the House of Representatives the 29th day of February, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President of the Senate