

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 2946

By: Steidley of the House  
and  
Smith of the Senate

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Indigent Defense Act;  
amending 22 O.S. 1991, Section 1355, as amended by  
Section 1, Chapter 303, O.S.L. 1992 (22 O.S. Supp.  
1995, Section 1355), which relates to the Indigent  
Defense System; correcting statutory cite;  
providing an effective date; and declaring an  
emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 22 O.S. 1991, Section 1355, as  
amended by Section 1, Chapter 303, O.S.L. 1992 (22 O.S. Supp. 1995,  
Section 1355), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1355. A. Sections 1355 through 1368 of this title  
shall be known and may be cited as the "Indigent Defense Act".

B. The Oklahoma Indigent Defense System is hereby created, to  
provide counsel in cases, as provided in the Indigent Defense Act,  
in which the defendant is indigent and unable to employ counsel.

C. Unless otherwise provided, the provisions of the Indigent  
Defense Act shall not be applicable in counties subject to the  
provisions of Section ~~138.1~~ 138.1a of Title 19 of the Oklahoma  
Statutes.

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

SECTION 3. 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 12th day of March, 1996.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1996.

President of the Senate