

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1244

By: Roach of the House

and

Henry of the Senate

( adoption - mutual consent voluntary registry - effective  
date - emergency )

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

SECTION 1. The Department of Human Services shall expend so much monies as may be necessary to provide for the adequate funding of:

1. A mutual consent voluntary registry whenever eligible persons involved in an adoption may indicate their willingness to have their identity and whereabouts disclosed to each other under the conditions specified by the Oklahoma Adoption Act; and

2. A search program whereby the services of a confidential intermediary who has been certified through the program may be used by eligible persons involved in an adoption to locate an adult biological relative with whom contact has been lost through adoption or termination of parental rights proceedings.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

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 5th day of March, 1997.

Speaker

of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

President

of the Senate