ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1826

By: Hamilton and Settle of the House

and

Haney and Hobson of the Senate

(Court of Criminal Appeals - budget categories - effective date - emergency)

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

SECTION 1. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, the Court of Criminal Appeals shall budget all funds in the following categories and amounts:

Category	Appropriation	Total
Court Operations	$0.00	$0.00

SECTION 2. The Court of Criminal Appeals is authorized to employ temporary employees as may be necessary to relieve the backlog of criminal appeal cases. Personnel employed pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be exempt from the limitation on full-time-equivalent employees provided in Section 3 of this act.

SECTION 3. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Court of Criminal Appeals by law shall be set by the Judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals. The salary of the Presiding Judge shall not exceed ____ Dollars ($0.00) per annum, payable monthly, and the salary of each of the four other Judges shall not exceed _____ Dollars ($0.00) each per annum payable monthly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998. The Court of Criminal Appeals for

the fiscal year ending June 30, 1998, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees and expenditures, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

Budgetary Limitation	Amount
Full-time-equivalent Employees	0.0
Lease-purchase Agreements	$0.00

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 5. 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 24th day of February, 1997.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1997.

President of the Senate