
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1244

By: Roach

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to adoption; providing funding for a mutual consent voluntary registry and a search for certain persons involved in an adoption; providing an effective date; and declaring an 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.

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