

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2137

By: Hilliard

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;  
amending 57 O.S. 1991, Section 537, which relates  
to canteen services; providing for specific  
membership on the Board of Directors for canteen  
services; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 537, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 537. A. There shall be established a Board of  
Directors for all canteen services within the Department of  
Corrections. The members of the Board shall be appointed by the  
Director of the Department of Corrections. At least one member of  
the Board shall be a representative from a state employees'  
organization whose purpose is representation of state employees'  
employment interests. The representative shall be from the state  
organization having the largest membership in the state. All  
canteen operations shall be under the control of the Board and shall  
operate pursuant to written guidelines established by the Board.  
The overall canteen operation shall be self-supporting.

B. Each correctional facility may have a canteen. The directors of each canteen shall be the facility head and two directors appointed by the facility head. The business manager shall act as custodian of canteen funds and shall make daily deposits of cash receipts in an agency special account approved by the Special Agency Account Board. Canteen funds may be transferred from one canteen fund special account to another canteen fund special account upon an affirmative vote by the Board of Directors. All disbursements made from the account shall be by voucher signed by two of the directors of the canteen. Documentation of each disbursement shall be kept on permanent file at each institution. Accounting procedures in accordance with state fiscal accounting procedures shall be followed in administering canteen funds. All profits from the canteen operations shall be used exclusively for the benefit of the inmates of the various institutions and personnel of the Department of Corrections as determined by the canteen Board of Directors pursuant to subsection A of this section.

C. Employees utilized in the operation of the canteen services at each institution shall be state employees. Inmates may work in the canteen operations. Reimbursement for said work shall be accomplished through the institution incentive pay program.

D. The operations of the canteen service shall be the subject of an annual audit by the Office of the State Auditor and Inspector. Reports of the audit shall be provided to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Legislative Service Bureau, the Department of Corrections, and to the warden of the concerned institution.

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

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