

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2535

By: Davis of the House

and

Smith of the Senate

An Act relating to civil procedure; amending 12 O.S. 1991, Section 2006, as last amended by Section 20, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 1999 (12 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 2006), which relates to time computation and requirements pursuant to the Oklahoma Pleading Code; providing that certain time computation requirements do not apply to guardianship and ward filings and proceedings or probate filings and proceedings; providing that modification is a clarification of law; clarifying method of computation of time for certain filings and proceedings; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 12 O.S. 1991, Section 2006, as last amended by Section 20, Chapter 293, O.S.L. 1999 (12 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 2006), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2006.

TIME

A. COMPUTATION. In computing any period of time prescribed or allowed by this title, by the rules of any court, by order of the court, or by any applicable statute, the day of the act, event, or default from which the designated period of time begins to run shall not be included. The last day of the period so computed shall be included, unless it is a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday as defined by the Oklahoma Statutes or any other day when the office of the court clerk does not remain open for public business until 4:00 p.m., in which event the period runs until the end of the next day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, or a legal holiday as defined by the Oklahoma Statutes or any other day when the office of the court

clerk does not remain open for public business until 4:00 p.m. ~~When~~
Except for proceedings and filings governed by Title 30 or 58 of the
Oklahoma Statutes, when the period of time prescribed or allowed is
less than eleven (11) days, intermediate Saturdays, Sundays, and
legal holidays as defined by the Oklahoma Statutes or any other day
when the office of the court clerk does not remain open for public
business until 4:00 p.m., shall be excluded in the computation. The
exclusion of filings and proceedings governed by Title 30 or Title
58 of the Oklahoma Statutes is hereby declared to be a clarification
of the law as it existed prior to the effective date of this act and
shall not be considered or construed to be a change of the law as it
existed prior to the effective date of this act. Any action or
proceeding arising under Title 30 or Title 58 of the Oklahoma
Statutes prior to the effective date of this act for which a
determination of the period of time prescribed by this section is in
question or has been in question due to the enactment of Section 20,
Chapter 293, O.S.L. 1999, shall be governed by the method for
computation of time as prescribed by law prior to November 1, 1999.

B. ENLARGEMENT. When by this title or by a notice given
thereunder by order of court an act is required or allowed to be
done at or within a specified time, the court for cause shown may at
any time in its discretion:

1. With or without motion or notice order the period enlarged
if request therefor is made before the expiration of the period
originally prescribed or as extended by a previous order; or

2. Upon motion made after the expiration of the specified
period permit the act to be done where the failure to act was the
result of excusable neglect; but it may not extend the time set
forth in this title for taking an appeal from a judgment, decree or
appealable order, or for seeking a new trial, a judgment
notwithstanding the verdict, or to correct, open, modify, vacate or

reconsider a judgment, decree, or appealable order, except as provided in the sections governing such proceedings.

C. FOR MOTIONS - AFFIDAVITS. A written motion, other than one which may be heard ex parte, and notice of the hearing thereof, shall be served not later than five (5) days before the time specified for the hearing, unless a different period is fixed by the Oklahoma Statutes, court rules, or by an order of the court. Such an order may for cause shown be made on ex parte application. When a motion is supported by affidavit, the affidavit shall be served with the motion.

D. ADDITIONAL TIME AFTER SERVICE BY MAIL. Whenever a party has the right or is required to do some act or take some proceedings within a prescribed period after the service of a notice or other paper upon him and the notice or paper is served upon him by mail, three (3) days shall be added to the prescribed period. Provided, however, when a summons and petition are served by mail, a defendant shall serve his answer within twenty (20) days after the date of receipt or if refused, the date of refusal of the summons and petition by the defendant.

SECTION 2. 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 1st day of March, 2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2000.

President of the Senate