

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1078

By: Muegge of the Senate
and
Covey of the House

[agriculture - Oklahoma Agriculture Mediation Program
- codification -

emergency]

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-29 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Agriculture Mediation Program is authorized to provide mediation services pursuant to the Dispute Resolution Act for all types of agricultural and rural living issues for which other state-authorized mediation services are not available.

B. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service is authorized and directed to develop and implement a plan to increase public awareness of the Oklahoma Agriculture Mediation Program. The plan shall target producers of agricultural products which might benefit from the program as well as agricultural lenders. The plan shall include but not be limited to the following:

1. Providing informational literature to every county extension office in the state;

2. Direct mailouts of informational literature to agricultural lenders in this state;

3. Securing such public service announcements from broadcast media as is feasible;

4. Cooperating with and providing information to court officials; and

5. Such other measures as may be calculated to develop a greater awareness of the existence and benefits of the Oklahoma Agriculture Mediation Program.

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 Senate the 8th day of March, 2000.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives