

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1044

By: Benson, Adair, Adkins, Askins, Begley, Benge, Beutler, Blackburn, Bonny, Boyd, Braddock, Bryant, Calvey, Case, Claunch, Coleman, Collins, Corn, Covey, Cox, Culver, Dank, Davis, Deutschendorf, Dunegan, Easley, Eddins, Ervin, Erwin, Ferguson, Fields, Frame, Gilbert, Glover, Graves, Gray, Greenwood, Hastings, Hefner, Hiett, Hilliard, Hutchison, Ingmire, Jones, Kinnamon, Kirby, Kouba, Langmacher, Leist, Lindley, Liotta, Maddux, Mass, Matlock, McCarter, Miller, Mitchell, Morgan, Nance, Nations, Newport, Ostrander, Paulk, Perry, Pettigrew, Phillips, Piatt, Plunk, Pope (Clay), Pope (Tim), Reese, Rice, Roach, Roberts, Roggow, Ross, Seikel, Sellers, Settle, Smith (Dale), Smith (Hopper), Staggs, Stanley, Stites, Sullivan (John), Sullivan (Leonard), Sweeden, Taylor, Thomas, Thornbrugh, Toure, Turner, Tyler, Vaughn, Weaver, Webb, Wells, Wilt, Winchester, Worthen and Wright

A Resolution related to the Oklahoma Truth in Sentencing Act; clarifying intent of the Oklahoma House of Representatives; stating findings of the House of Representatives concerning certain legislation; stating actions taken by the House of Representatives and response thereto by the Senate; and making a permanent record.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Legislature enacted the Oklahoma Truth in Sentencing Act in 1997; and

WHEREAS, at that time, it was the intent of the Legislature that refinements be made to the Act prior to it going into effect; and

WHEREAS, although the Legislature has worked on revisions since the original enactment, no agreement has been reached on those revisions; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and the House of Representatives have agreed that the best alternative presently available to the state is to delay implementation of the Oklahoma Truth in Sentencing Act so that the Legislature can continue to work on revisions; and

WHEREAS, the Senate has refused to agree to enactment of legislation to delay implementation of the Oklahoma Truth in Sentencing Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the rejection of Senate Bill No. 614 of the 1st Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature by the House of Representatives is not an expression by the House of legislative intent to allow the Oklahoma Truth in Sentencing Act, as enacted in House Bill No. 1213 of the 1st Session of the 46th Oklahoma Legislature, to go into effect.

THAT it is the finding of the House of Representatives that Senate Bill No. 614 of the 1st Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature is an unfunded mandate to counties.

THAT the House of Representatives prepared a Conference Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1003 of the 1st Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature and signed a Conference Committee Report for the bill that would have delayed the implementation of the Oklahoma Truth in Sentencing Act until July 1, 2000, in order to allow the Legislature time to revise the Act.

THAT the Senate refused to sign the Conference Committee Report for House Bill No. 1003, thereby making it impossible for the Legislature to take action on the measure.

THAT a copy of this resolution be spread upon the pages of the permanent journal of the House of Representatives of the 1st Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 28th day of May, 1999.

Speaker of the House of Representatives