

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1066

By: Mitchell and Pettigrew  
of the House

and

WEEDEN of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending 56 O.S. 1991, Section 241, as last amended by Section 30, Chapter 87, O.S.L. 1994 (56 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 241), which relates to food stamps; removing responsibility of counties for distribution and payment of food stamps; making Department of Human Services responsible for participation in federal food stamp program; providing for operation of program; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 1991, Section 241, as last amended by Section 30, Chapter 87, O.S.L. 1994 (56 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 241), is amended to read as follows:

Section 241. A. It shall be the mandatory duty of the ~~board of county commissioners of any county in this state~~ Department of Human Services to participate in the food stamp program under the Food Stamp Act of 1977, as amended, ~~and to enter into an agreement for such purpose with the Commission for Human Services.~~

~~B. The board of county commissioners of any county in this state may have federal food stamps issued to eligible recipients of the county in pursuance of an agreement for such purpose entered into by the board with the Commission for Human Services.~~

~~C. The cost of distributing the food stamps shall be paid by the county Department. Except as provided in subsection D of this section, the board of county commissioners shall be required to pay~~

~~the estimated cost in advance on the calendar quarter basis, with an adjustment within thirty (30) days after the end of the quarter to reflect actual cost payable by the county. If the county fails to make such payment at least fifteen (15) days prior to the first day of the first month of a quarter, the agreement between the board of county commissioners and the Commission for Human Services may terminate and the Commission may discontinue the issuance of food stamps in the county at the beginning of such quarter.~~

~~D. 1. B.~~ The board of county commissioners Department may, at its option, operate:

1. Operate the program of distributing food stamps to families, certified as eligible by the Commission for Human Services, ~~within the county;~~ or

2. ~~The board of county commissioners may also contract~~ Contract with private or public entities to provide for the distribution of food stamps.

~~3.~~ Any program for food stamps or coupon distribution operated pursuant to the provisions of this ~~subsection~~ paragraph shall provide:

- a. adequate qualified personnel, suitable facilities for storing and issuing stamps, any bonding of personnel, and insurance that may be required by the Commission for Human Services, and
- b. that such sale, distribution and accounting of food stamps shall be in compliance with all federal and state regulations applicable thereto.

~~E. C. If the distribution of food stamps within the county is to be handled by the Commission for Human Services, at its election, the food~~ Food stamps may be distributed through one or more issuing offices, or through local banks, or through other means. ~~The board of county commissioners shall be required to reimburse the Commission for a prorated share of the total cost of such~~

~~distribution, based upon the number of persons participating in the county.~~

~~F. If the county initially funds one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of food stamp distribution and is required to file for reimbursement for fifty percent (50%) of the amount expended, the county shall be allowed to utilize reimbursement procedures as specified in Section 335 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

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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