

3 Senate Bill No. 247

4 SENATE BILL NO. 247 - By: ROBINSON of the Senate and STAGGS of the  
5 House.

6 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 2001,  
7 Section 90.1, which relates to postage; clarifying  
8 application of law; providing an exception to limitation on  
9 purchasing postage stamps for certain agencies; providing  
10 for application and approval; providing for method of  
11 accountability; defining terms; and providing an effective  
12 date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 90.1, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 90.1 A. Except as otherwise provided for in this  
17 section, any agency, board, commission, department or institution of  
18 the state which has an expenditure for postage of One Thousand  
19 Dollars (\$1,000.00) or more for any one (1) fiscal year shall  
20 install a postage meter machine and have all purchases of postage  
21 recorded on that postage meter machine. Except, a field office or  
22 branch office of a state agency distantly located from the parent  
23 agency, and which office has an annual expenditure for postage of  
24 less than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), may purchase postage  
25 stamps in the manner prescribed by Section 90.2 of this title and  
26 such purchases shall not be subject to the provisions of subsection  
27 B of this section.

1        B. Any agency of the state not engaged in scientific research  
2 or community development, which finds it necessary, in order to more  
3 efficiently and effectively carry out certain programs or functions,  
4 is hereby authorized, upon making application to the Director of the  
5 Office of State Finance showing sufficient need and upon approval by  
6 said Director, to purchase not more than One Thousand Dollars  
7 (\$1,000.00) worth of postage stamps during any one (1) fiscal year  
8 in the manner prescribed by Section 90.2 of this title, with a  
9 method of accountability for the use thereof to be maintained and  
10 subject to audit. Any agency of the state engaged in scientific  
11 research or community development, which finds it necessary, in  
12 order to effectively carry out such research or development, is  
13 hereby authorized, upon making application to the Director of the  
14 Office of State Finance showing sufficient need and upon approval by  
15 the Director, to purchase postage stamps in the amount demonstrated  
16 necessary to pursue such research or development in the manner  
17 prescribed by Section 90.2 of this title, with a method of  
18 accountability for the use thereof to be maintained and subject to  
19 audit. Provided, however, the finance officer of such state agency  
20 shall keep and maintain a record of all postage stamp allocations  
21 within the agency. For purposes of this section, "scientific  
22 research" shall mean research conducted under formally sponsored  
23 grants or contracts; "community development" shall mean development

1 conducted by a formally and permanently organized office for that  
2 purpose.

3 C. Every state agency shall utilize business reply mail  
4 accounts, bulk mailing accounts, postage due accounts, zip + 4  
5 codes, mailer applied bar codes or such other services offered by  
6 the United States Postal Service for the purpose of reducing postal  
7 costs and promoting efficiency. The Department of Central Services  
8 shall oversee the implementation of the provisions of this  
9 subsection.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2003.

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated 2-17-03  
12 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.