

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, February 28, 2008

House Bill No. 2273
As Amended

HOUSE BILL NO. 2273 - By: MILLER AND JONES of the House and CRUTCHFIELD, JOHNSON (MIKE), ADELSON AND MYERS of the Senate.

(state government - amending 74 O.S. 2001, Sections 174 and 175 -
investigation of eleemosynary institutions and reports -
effective date)

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 174, is amended to read as
2 follows:
3 At the request of the Governor, or with ~~his~~ their sanction, the ~~State~~ Department of
4 ~~Public Welfare~~ Human Services shall investigate any state eleemosynary institution
5 against which complaint is made, and the Department of ~~Public Welfare~~ Human Services
6 shall have the power to summon any person to appear and produce such books and
7 papers as shall be designated in the summons and to take testimony under oath
8 concerning the matter and institution under investigation. The Department shall have
9 the power to administer oaths to such persons as may be summoned and to enforce such
10 powers as are given to notaries public when they are taking depositions. Evidence of
11 persons restrained in prisons or any other places of detention, if deemed necessary or
12 requested by the witness, shall be taken out of the hearing of persons in authority about

1 such institutions and be preserved and kept secret, and be used only by the Department
2 so far as may be by ~~him~~ them deemed necessary to correct or remedy any wrong that is or
3 may be disclosed.

4 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 175, is amended to read as
5 follows:

6 When a special investigation of any institution is made at the request of the
7 Governor, it shall be the duty of the Department of ~~Public Welfare~~ Human Services to
8 make and submit a report in writing, or electronically, to the Governor within a
9 reasonable time after its termination.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective September 1, 2008.

11 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET,
12 dated 02-27-08 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.