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THE STATE SENATE
Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Senate Bill No. 42
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 42 - By: JOLLEY of the Senate and CARGILL and BLACKWELL of the House.

An Act relating to poor persons; authorizing the Office of Administrative Hearings to allow electronic transmittals of documents and electronic signatures; allowing specified verifications in certain circumstances; requiring the Department of Human Services to promulgate certain rules; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 237.9a of Title 56, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) may allow electronic transmittals of documents and electronic signatures if safeguards are in place to protect against unauthorized use. If a law requires a signature or record to be notarized, acknowledged, verified, or made under oath when filed with OAH, the requirement is satisfied if the electronic signature of the person authorized to perform those acts, together with all other information required to be included by other applicable law, is attached to or logically associated with the signature or record.

1 B. The **Commission for** Human Services shall promulgate rules to
2 implement electronic filing and signatures for OAH.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2007.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN RESOURCES, dated
5 2-8-07 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.