

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1035

By: Jordan of the House

3 and

4 Newberry of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to arbitration; amending Section 20,  
8 Chapter 364, O.S.L. 2005 (12 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section  
9 1870), which relates to the record, notice and timing  
10 of an award; deleting requirement that arbitrator  
11 support decision by rendering certain findings; and  
12 providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 20, Chapter 364, O.S.L.  
15 2005 (12 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 1870), is amended to read as  
16 follows:

17 Section 1870. A. An arbitrator shall make a record of an  
18 award. The award may, or may not, contain the evidence and  
19 conclusion upon which the award was based unless the ~~parties~~  
20 agreement of the parties specifies the type of award to be issued.  
21 The record shall be signed or otherwise authenticated by any  
22 arbitrator who concurs with the award. The arbitrator or the  
23 arbitration organization shall give notice of the award, including a  
24 copy of the award, to each party to the arbitration proceeding.

1 B. An award shall be made within the time specified by the  
2 agreement to arbitrate or, if not specified therein, within the time  
3 ordered by the court. The court may extend or the parties to the  
4 arbitration proceeding may agree in a record to extend the time.  
5 The court or the parties may do so within or after the time  
6 specified or ordered. A party waives any objection that an award  
7 was not timely made unless the party gives notice of the objection  
8 to the arbitrator before receiving notice of the award.

9 ~~C. Upon rendering a final decision on the merits of a case, the~~  
10 ~~arbitrator shall support his or her decision by likewise rendering~~  
11 ~~findings of fact and conclusions of law.~~

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

13 Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of February,  
14 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the House of  
Representatives

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19 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009.

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