

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE BILL 2327

By: Johnson (Constance)

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to wrongful conviction and
8 imprisonment; stating legislative findings and
9 intent; providing for noncodification; and providing
10 an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
13 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

14 The Legislature finds that innocent persons who have been
15 wrongly convicted of crimes and subsequently imprisoned have been
16 uniquely victimized, have distinct problems re-entering society,
17 have difficulty achieving legal redress due to a variety of
18 substantive and technical obstacles in the law, and that such
19 persons should have an available avenue of redress over and above
20 the existing tort remedies to seek compensation for damages. In
21 light of the particular and substantial horror of being imprisoned
22 for a crime one did not commit, the Legislature intends by enactment
23 of the provisions of this act that those persons who can demonstrate
24 that they were wrongfully convicted receive immediate services upon

1 release, and those who can meet the higher standard of proving their
2 actual innocence be able to receive monetary compensation.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

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