

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2156

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8 An Act relating to statutes and reports; amending 75  
9 O.S. 2001, Section 12a, which relates to legislative  
10 bills and resolutions; providing for electronic  
11 enrollment of bills and resolutions; providing for  
12 electronic transmittal of bills and resolutions and  
13 amendments thereto between the two houses of the  
14 Legislature; authorizing electronic transmittal of  
15 bills and resolutions to the Office of the Governor  
16 and the Office of the Secretary of State; authorizing  
17 electronic signatures; requiring certain safeguard;  
18 requiring agreement of transmitting and receiving  
19 parties; making certain persons guardians of  
20 electronic signatures; and declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 75 O.S. 2001, Section 12a, is  
23 amended to read as follows:

24 Section 12a. A. Bills and resolutions referred to in Section  
35, Article V of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, after  
their passage but before they are signed by the presiding officer of  
each house of the Legislature as provided in said section, shall be  
correctly enrolled either in permanent ink on appropriate paper or

1 in an electronic form pursuant to rules adopted by each house.  
2 Bills and resolutions originating in one house of the Legislature  
3 which, after being duly passed and engrossed thereby, are ~~sent~~  
4 transmitted to the other house and thereafter returned without  
5 amendment to the house in which same originated, shall, when  
6 referred for enrollment, be ~~sent~~ transmitted to the Office of  
7 Engrossing and Enrolling thereof, which office may cause each and  
8 every such engrossed bill or resolution, without retyping, to be  
9 reported properly enrolled for fourth reading and final signature by  
10 attaching or jacketing in the forefront thereof a proper jurat for  
11 certification by the presiding officer as to the previous passage of  
12 said bill or resolution. After said bills and resolutions have been  
13 duly signed by the presiding officer of each house of the  
14 Legislature, and after same have been either affirmatively or  
15 negatively approved by the Governor or passed over his objections,  
16 as provided in Section 11, Article VI of the Constitution of the  
17 State of Oklahoma, they shall be filed in the office of the  
18 Secretary of State where they shall be permanently preserved.

19 B. For purposes of this section and subject to the provisions  
20 of subsection C of this section, bills and resolutions and  
21 amendments thereto may be transmitted between the two houses of the  
22 Legislature electronically. Enrolled bills and resolutions may be  
23 transmitted electronically to the Office of the Governor. Bills and  
24 resolutions that are filed in the Office of the Secretary of State

1 may be transmitted electronically. If a bill or resolution is  
2 transmitted electronically, the signature of the presiding officer  
3 may be an electronic signature.

4 C. Electronic transmittal of bills and resolutions shall be  
5 allowed if safeguards established by the Clerk of the House and the  
6 Secretary of the Senate are in place to protect against unauthorized  
7 users. Transmission between the respective houses shall require a  
8 written agreement signed by the Speaker of the House of  
9 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.  
10 Transmission from either house of the Legislature to the Office of  
11 the Governor shall require a written agreement signed by the  
12 Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the  
13 President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Transmission from either house  
14 of the Legislature to the Office of the Secretary of State shall  
15 require a written agreement signed by the Secretary of State, the  
16 Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro  
17 Tempore of the Senate. The Clerk of the House of Representatives  
18 and the Secretary of the Senate shall be the guardians of electronic  
19 signatures for their respective houses of the Legislature and shall  
20 be authorized to make determinations as to validity and authenticity  
21 of electronic signatures.

22 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
23 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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