

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1894

By: Cantrell

6 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

7 An Act relating to county records; amending 19 O.S.
8 2021, Section 155.7, which relates to the storage of
9 records kept by county offices; permitting the use of
10 digital copies as originals; permitting fee; and
11 providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2021, Section 155.7, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 155.7 A. County officers may have any or all records
16 kept by any county office photographed, digitized, photostated,
17 reproduced on film or stored on optical disk. Such film or
18 reproducing material shall be of durable material and the device
19 used to reproduce such records on film or other material shall be
20 such as to accurately reproduce and perpetuate the original records
21 in all details.

22 B. The photostatic copy, photograph, digital copy, photographic
23 film or optical disk of the original records shall be deemed to be
24 an original record for all purposes, and shall be admissible in

1 evidence in all court or administrative agencies, or by the county
2 for accounts payable and inventory. A facsimile, exemplification or
3 certified copy thereof shall, for all purposes recited herein, be
4 deemed to be a transcript, exemplification or certified copy of the
5 original.

6 C. Whenever such reproduced records shall be placed in
7 conveniently accessible files and provisions made for preserving,
8 examining and using same, the county officer may certify those facts
9 to the board of county commissioners. All such records shall be
10 archived or disposed of according to the provisions of the Oklahoma
11 State Statutes and any other such restrictions as may be applicable.

12 D. The clerk of each county may elect to sign, accept, or
13 receive documents using a digital signature system.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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