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ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1379

BY: PILGRIM of the HOUSE

and

HARRISON and SHEDRICK of
the SENATE

AN ACT RELATING TO OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETIES;
AUTHORIZING THE OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO SELL
AND TRANSFER CERTAIN PROPERTIES; SPECIFYING
CONDITIONS FOR SUCH SALE AND TRANSFER; REQUIRING
APPROVAL FOR SUCH SALE AND TRANSFER; PROVIDING FOR
EXEMPTION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 5.2 of Title 53, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Oklahoma Historical Society is hereby authorized to transfer
ownership of historic properties to appropriate organizations or
groups who agree to maintain said properties in the best interest of
historic preservation and who pay fair market value for such
property. When property owned by the Society is declared surplus,
or is determined to be beyond the means of the Society to maintain
properly, the Society shall first offer the property for sale at
fair market value to the original donor, even if a reversionary

clause is not included in the gift agreement. If a donor cannot be identified, the property may be offered for sale at fair market value to an appropriate not-for-profit organization that agrees to maintain said property through a formal written contract which provides for compensation, and may include in-kind, in the form of maintenance and preservation agreements. The process for the sale and transfer of title shall originate with the Oklahoma Historical Society Board of Directors and be subject to approval in writing by the Contingency Review Board. The authorization to sell this property pursuant to this section shall exempt the sale from other statutes of this state dealing with the disposal of surplus state property.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of February, 1991.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1991.

President of the Senate