

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1876

BY: ROACH of the HOUSE

and

WILLIAMS (Penny) of the
SENATE

AN ACT RELATING TO REVENUE AND TAXATION; AMENDING 68
O.S. 1991, SECTION 2884, WHICH RELATES TO THE
PAYMENT OF AD VALOREM TAXES UNDER PROTEST;
PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN NOTIFICATION OF EACH TAXING
JURISDICTION AFFECTED BY SUCH PROTEST; PROVIDING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 1991, Section 2884, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 2884. A. The full amount of the taxes assessed against
the property of any taxpayer who has appealed from a decision
affecting the value or taxable status of such property as provided
by law shall be paid at the time and in the manner provided by law;
and if at the time such taxes or any part thereof become delinquent,
any such appeal is pending, it shall abate and be dismissed upon a
showing that such taxes have not been paid.

B. When such taxes are paid, the persons paying the same shall
give notice to the county treasurer that an appeal involving such
taxes has been taken and is pending, and that a specified portion of
the tax amount is being paid under protest. The taxpayer shall
attach to such notice a copy of the petition filed in the court or

other appellate body in which the appeal was taken. It shall be the duty of such treasurer to hold such taxes so paid under protest separate and apart from other taxes collected by him. Any portion of such taxes not paid under protest shall be apportioned as provided by law. The treasurer shall invest such protested taxes in the same manner as he invests surplus tax funds not paid under protest, but shall select an investment medium which will permit prompt refund or apportionment of such protested taxes upon final determination of the appeal. If upon the final determination of any such appeal, the court shall find that the property was assessed at too great an amount, the board of equalization from whose order the appeal was taken shall certify the corrected valuation of the property of such taxpayers to the county assessor, in accordance with the decision of the court, and shall send a copy of such certificate to the county treasurer. Upon receipt of the corrected certificate of valuation the county assessor shall compute and certify to the county treasurer the correct amount of taxes payable by such taxpayer. The difference between the amount paid and the correct amount payable with accrued interest shall be refunded by the treasurer to the taxpayer upon his filing a proper verified claim therefor, and the remainder paid under protest with accrued interest shall be apportioned as provided by law.

C. If an appeal is upon a question of valuation of the property, then the amount paid under protest by reason of the question of valuation being appealed shall be limited to the amount of taxes assessed against the property for the year in question less the amount of taxes which would be payable by the taxpayer for that year if the valuation of the property asserted by the taxpayer in the appeal were determined by the court to be correct.

D. Upon receipt of a notice that an appeal involving ad valorem taxes has been taken and that a specified portion of the tax amount is being paid under protest, the county treasurer shall notify each

taxing jurisdiction in the county which will be affected by such appeal and protested tax payment. The county treasurer shall also specify to each such taxing jurisdiction the amount of ad valorem tax revenue apportionable to the taxing jurisdiction which is being held by the county treasurer, pursuant to the provisions of this section, pending resolution of the appeal.

E. The procedure for payment of taxes pending resolution of appeals as provided by this section shall be applicable to any such payment of taxes made on or after July 1, 1992.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1992.

SECTION 3. 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 26th day of February, 1992.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1992.

President of the Senate