

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1830

BY: COX

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION; AMENDING 85 O.S. 1991, SECTION 138, WHICH RELATES TO THE STATE INSURANCE FUND; REQUIRING INVESTMENTS TO BE SUBJECT TO OKLAHOMA INSURANCE CODE REGULATIONS; ESTABLISHING INVESTMENT PROCEDURES; REQUIRING CERTAIN FINANCIAL REPORTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 85 O.S. 1991, Section 138, is amended to read as follows:

Section 138. A. The Board of Managers shall discharge their duties with respect to the State Insurance Fund solely in the interest of the Fund and:

1. for the exclusive purpose of:
  - a. providing benefit to the Fund, and
  - b. defraying reasonable expenses of administering the State Insurance Fund;

2. with the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims;

3. by diversifying the investments of the State Insurance Fund so as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so; and

4. in accordance with the laws, documents and instruments governing the State Insurance Fund.

B. The monies of the State Insurance Fund shall be invested only in assets eligible for the investment of funds of ~~legal reserve life insurance companies in this state~~ a domestic property and casualty insurance company as provided for in ~~Sections 1602 through 1611, 1613 through 1620, and 1622 through 1624 of~~ the Oklahoma Insurance Code, Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The term admitted assets shall mean the amount of the monies of the State Insurance Fund and the provisions relating to limitation of investments as a percentage of surplus and loans to policyholders shall be inapplicable with respect to investment of the monies of the State Insurance Fund. The monies of the State Insurance Fund may be invested in certificates of indebtedness or such other enforceable evidences of obligation as may be utilized in the rights-of-way acquisitions by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. The monies of the State Insurance Fund may also be invested in bonds secured by first mortgages, pass-through securities and insured participation certificates representing interests in first mortgages or insured mortgage pass-through certificates on one- to four-family residences located within this state. The Commissioner, with the approval of the Board of Managers, is authorized to acquire any real estate deemed necessary for the immediate and reasonably anticipated future administrative office space needs of the State Insurance Fund. The Commissioner, with the approval of the Board of Managers, may sell, lease, rent or sublet any current real estate holdings of the State Insurance Fund. Any revenues of such transactions shall accrue to the surplus or reserve fund of the State Insurance Fund.

C. The Board of Managers may procure insurance indemnifying the members of the State Insurance Fund from personal loss or accountability from liability resulting from a member's action or inaction as a member of the Board of Managers.

D. The Board of Managers may establish an investment committee. The investment committee shall be composed of not more than three (3) members of the Board of Managers appointed by the chairman of the Board of Managers. The committee shall make recommendations to the full Board on all matters related to the choice of custodians and managers of the assets of the State Insurance Fund, on the establishment of investment and fund management guidelines, and in planning future investment policy. The committee shall have no authority to act on behalf of the Board of Managers or the Fund in any circumstances whatsoever. No recommendation of the committee shall have effect as an action of the Board of Managers nor take effect without the approval of the Board of Managers as provided by law.

E. The Board of Managers shall retain qualified investment managers to provide for the investment of the monies of the State Insurance Fund. The investment managers shall be chosen by a solicitation of proposals on a competitive bid basis pursuant to standards set by the Board of Managers. Subject to the overall investment guidelines set by the Board of Managers, the investment managers shall have full discretion in the management of those monies of the State Insurance Fund allocated to the investment managers. The Board of Managers shall manage those monies not specifically allocated to the investment managers. The monies of the State Insurance Fund allocated to the investment managers shall be actively managed by the investment managers, which may include selling investments and realizing losses if such action is considered advantageous to longer term return maximization. Because of the total return objective, no distinction shall be made for

management and performance evaluation purposes between realized and unrealized capital gains and losses.

F. Funds and revenues for investment by the investment managers or the Board of Managers shall be placed with a custodian selected by the Board of Managers. The custodian shall be a bank or trust company offering ~~pension fund master trustee and~~ master custodial services. The custodian shall be chosen by a solicitation of proposals on a competitive bid basis pursuant to standards set by the Board of Managers. In compliance with the investment policy guidelines of the Board of Managers, the custodian bank or trust company shall be contractually responsible for ensuring that all monies of the State Insurance Fund are invested in income-producing investment vehicles at all times. If a custodian bank or trust company has not received direction from the investment managers of the State Insurance Fund as to the investment of the monies of the State Insurance Fund in specific investment vehicles, the custodian bank or trust company shall be contractually responsible to the Board of Managers for investing the monies in appropriately collateralized short-term interest-bearing investment vehicles.

G. ~~By November 1, 1989, and prior~~ Prior to August 1 of each year ~~thereafter~~, the Board of Managers shall develop and approve a written investment plan for the State Insurance Fund.

H. The State Insurance Fund Commissioner shall compile a quarterly financial report of all the funds of the State Insurance Fund ~~on a fiscal year basis~~. The report shall be compiled and filed pursuant to uniform reporting standards prescribed by the State Insurance Commissioner for ~~all~~ domestic property and casualty insurance companies. ~~The report shall include several relevant measures of investment value, including acquisition cost and current fair market value with appropriate summaries of total holdings and returns. The report shall contain combined and individual rate of returns of the investment managers by category of investment, over~~

~~periods of time. The report shall be distributed to the Governor,  
the Legislative Service Bureau and the Joint Committee on Fiscal  
Operations.~~

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.

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