

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

SENATE BILL NO. 166

BY: DICKERSON

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE; AMENDING SECTION 1, CHAPTER 28, O.S.L. 1984, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 11, CHAPTER 370, O.S.L. 1989 (62 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 7.10), WHICH RELATES TO VOLUNTARY PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS; AUTHORIZING PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CERTAIN POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 28, O.S.L. 1984, as last amended by Section 11, Chapter 370, O.S.L. 1989 (62 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 7.10), is amended to read as follows:

Section 7.10 A. 1. Upon the request of a state employee, a state agency, board, or commission shall make voluntary payroll deductions for the employee to a credit union which primarily serves state employees or employees of a political subdivision of the state.

2. The governing body of any county, municipality, or school district may provide for voluntary payroll deductions to a credit union serving the employees of the county, municipality, or school district.

B. Upon the request of a state employee and pursuant to procedures established by the Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management, a state agency, board, or commission shall make payroll deductions for:

1. the payment of any insurance premiums due a private insurance organization with a minimum participation of five hundred (500) state employees for life, accident, and health insurance which is supplemental to that provided for by the state;

2. premiums or payments for retirement plans with a minimum participation of five hundred (500) state employees for retirement plans which are supplemental to that provided for by the state;

3. salary adjustment agreements included in a flexible benefits plan as authorized by the State Employees Flexible Benefits Act; ~~and~~

4. membership dues in the Oklahoma Public Employees Association or any other statewide association limited to state employee membership with a minimum membership of one thousand (1,000) dues-paying members; and

5. contributions to a political action committee that is affiliated with a statewide association limited to state employees with a minimum membership of one thousand (1,000) dues-paying members.

C. The administrative costs of processing payroll deductions or administering salary adjustment agreements for insurance premiums as provided for in subsection B of this section shall be a charge of two percent (2%) of the gross annual premiums for insurance plans. The administrative costs of processing payroll deductions or administering salary adjustment agreements for payments for retirement plans as provided for in subsection B of this section shall be one percent (1%) of the gross annual payments for retirement plans. These charges shall be collected monthly from the private insurance or retirement plan organization by the Office of Personnel Management and shall be deposited to the credit of the

General Revenue Fund. Provided that these costs shall not be collected from state employees or state agencies unless otherwise directed in this act.

D. Any insurance or retirement plan organization with a payroll deduction as of the date the Office of State Finance begins administering this section shall be exempt from the minimum state employee participation requirement for a period of six (6) months from said date.

E. Any statewide association granted a payroll deduction prior to the effective date of this act shall be exempt from the minimum state employee membership requirement.

F. Approval of a payroll deduction or salary adjustment agreement for any insurance organization, line of coverage or policy shall not be construed as an assumption of liability, for the term of policy or the performance of the insurance organization, by this state, or any of its agencies, boards, commissions, institutions or any officer or employee thereof. Contracts for such insurance shall be in all respects subject to the insurance laws of this state, and shall be enforceable solely pursuant to such laws.

G. The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission is authorized to deduct from the wages or salary of its employees the employees' contribution to the Employment Security Commission Retirement Plan.

H. Payroll deductions shall be made for premium payments for group insurance for retired members or beneficiaries of any state-supported retirement system upon proper authorization given by the member or beneficiary to the board from which the member or beneficiary is currently receiving retirement benefits.

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.

43-1-229

MJF