

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1408

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Voskuhl, Deutschendorf  
and Pope (Clay) of the  
House

and

Kerr of the Senate

An Act relating to public finance; amending 2 O.S.  
1991, Section 1767, as amended by Section 1,  
Chapter 86, O.S.L. 1993 (2 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section  
1767) and Section 13, Chapter 277, O.S.L. 1994, as  
amended by Section 24, Chapter 382, O.S.L. 1994,  
Section 14, Chapter 277, O.S.L. 1994, as amended by  
Section 25, Chapter 382, O.S.L. 1994 and 62 O.S.  
1991, Section 88.5 (62 O.S. Supp. 1994, Sections  
88.1A and 88.1B), which relate to linked deposit  
programs; modifying certain renewals and providing  
certain limitations; modifying restriction upon  
renewal of linked deposit loans or investments;  
requiring dissemination of information by the State  
Treasurer; providing for renewal of loans or  
deposits within certain period based upon  
determination by State Treasurer; specifying  
requirements of determination; modifying basis upon  
which renewals to be made on or after certain date;  
requiring priority for processing of certain  
applications; imposing duty with respect to  
renewals as required by other provisions of law;  
modifying provisions related to investment of state

funds in linked deposit programs; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 2 O.S. 1991, Section 1767, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 86, O.S.L. 1993 (2 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1767), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1767. A. The State Treasurer may accept or reject an agricultural linked deposit loan package or any portion thereof, based on the State Treasurer's evaluation of the eligible agricultural businesses included in the package, the amount of individual loans in the package, and the amount of the package. If the State Treasurer recommends rejection, the written recommendation shall include reasons for said rejection in a report to the Board. The Board shall forward a copy of the rejection notice to the lending institution and the borrower. The borrower may be allowed to bring his application into compliance with the Board and the State Treasurer and resubmit the application. If the State Treasurer rejects the loan because sufficient funds are not available for a linked deposit, then the applications may be considered in the order received when funds are once again available subject to a review by the Board and the lending institution. In evaluating the eligible agricultural businesses, the State Treasurer shall consider the recommendation of the Board and the economic needs of the area where the business is located.

B. The State Treasurer may accept or reject an agricultural linked deposit loan package or any portion thereof, based on the agricultural business's debt-to-asset ratio. The State Treasurer shall have the authority to establish quarterly, based on the availability of funds, a minimum debt-to-asset ratio of not less

than forty percent (40%), nor more than fifty-five percent (55%), required to qualify as an at-risk farm or ranch business.

C. Upon acceptance of the agricultural linked deposit loan package or any portion thereof, the State Treasurer shall notify the Board, the lending institution and the borrower. Upon acceptance, the State Treasurer may place certificates of deposit with the eligible lending institution at a rate below current market rates, as determined and calculated by the State Treasurer, or may invest in bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations or securities issued by the federal farm credit bank with respect to the eligible lending institution at a rate below current market rates, as determined and calculated by the State Treasurer. When necessary, the State Treasurer may place certificates of deposit or may invest in such obligations or securities prior to acceptance of an agricultural linked deposit loan package.

D. The eligible lending institution shall enter into an agricultural linked deposit agreement with the State Treasurer, which shall include requirements necessary to implement the purposes of the Oklahoma Agricultural Linked Deposit Program. Such requirements shall include an agreement by the eligible lending institution to lend an amount equal to the agricultural linked deposit to eligible agricultural businesses at an interest rate that reflects a percentage rate reduction below the present borrowing rate applicable to each specific agricultural business in the accepted loan package that is equal to the percentage rate reduction below market rates at which the certificates of deposit that constitute the agricultural linked deposit were placed or at which the investments in bonds, notes, debentures, or other obligations or securities that constitute the agricultural linked deposit were made. Such requirements shall also reflect the market conditions prevailing in the eligible lending institution's lending area. The agreement may include a specification of the period of time in which

the lending institution is to lend funds upon the placement of a linked deposit, and shall include provisions for the certificates of deposit to be placed or the investment in bonds, notes, debentures, obligations, or securities to be made for any maturity considered appropriate by the State Treasurer not to exceed two (2) years and may be renewed for up to an additional three renewals not to exceed two (2) years each at the option of the State Treasurer. No renewals will be allowed unless the amount of principal has been reduced by a minimum of five percent (5%) from the time of the prior loan or renewal. Interest shall be paid at the times determined by the State Treasurer.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 13, Chapter 277, O.S.L. 1994, as amended by Section 24, Chapter 382, O.S.L. 1994 (62 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 88.1A), is amended to read as follows:

Section 88.1A A. 1. ~~Beginning July 1, 1994, through~~ For the remainder of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, the State Treasurer ~~shall not~~ may make ~~any~~ new linked deposits or investments ~~nor any or~~ renewal linked deposits or investments pursuant to the Oklahoma Small Business Linked Deposit Program ~~or~~ and the Oklahoma Agricultural Linked Deposit Program as provided by subsection B of this section. Provided, any ~~such~~ deposits or investments made prior to ~~the effective date of this act~~ September 1, 1994, shall remain effective pursuant to the terms of the agreements entered into for such deposits or investments by the State Treasurer and the lending institutions. ~~No new applications for loans or renewal of loans under this Program shall be accepted or processed by participating lending institutions during this period.~~ The State Treasurer shall disseminate information to lending institutions regarding the suspension of the ~~Program~~ linked deposit programs to the extent required by the provisions of Sections 24 and 25, Chapter 382, O.S.L. 1994. To the extent that the modifications contained in this act require notification to lending institutions about the renewed

availability of the Oklahoma Small Business Linked Deposit Program and the Oklahoma Agricultural Linked Deposit Program, the State Treasurer shall disseminate information to the institutions.

2. ~~Except as provided in subsection B of this section~~ For the period of September 1, 1994, through the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer may renew linked deposits or investments pursuant to the Oklahoma Small Business Linked Deposit Program or the Oklahoma Agricultural Linked Deposit Program after determination by the Treasurer that:

- a. sufficient revenues will be or already have been deposited into the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury to meet any certification change by the State Board of Equalization which results from the enactment of ~~this section and Section 25 of this act~~ Section 24, Chapter 382, O.S.L. 1994, prior to the modifications made by this act, and Section 25, Chapter 382, O.S.L. 1994, prior to the modifications made by this act, and
- b. the conditions of Section ~~25~~ 88.1B of this ~~act~~ title have been met.

~~B. Beginning July 1, 1995, the Oklahoma Small Business Linked Deposit Program shall be terminated by the State Treasurer contingent upon enactment by the Legislature of legislation which creates an alternative loan program for rural small businesses to replace such Program.~~

3. On and after the effective date of this act, the State Treasurer shall renew linked deposits or investments pursuant to the Oklahoma Small Business Linked Deposit Program and the Oklahoma Agricultural Linked Deposit Program as provided by subsection B of this section.

B. The State Treasurer shall give priority to the processing of any application for renewal of a linked deposit loan or investment which was denied in whole or in part as a result of the enactment of

Sections 24 or 25, Chapter 382, O.S.L. 1994, and shall permit renewal of those loans or investments to the extent authorized by the limitation upon the total amount of investable funds which may be used in both the Oklahoma Small Business Linked Deposit Program and the Oklahoma Agricultural Linked Deposit Program. Applications for renewal of loans or deposits as described by this subsection filed with the State Treasurer within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act shall be processed within sixty (60) days following the last date upon which an application is timely filed.

C. After consideration has been given to the applications described by subsection B of this section and those applications have been acted upon, the State Treasurer shall administer the Oklahoma Small Business Linked Deposit Program and the Oklahoma Agricultural Linked Deposit Program consistent with the applicable limit on the percentage of state funds which may be used in both Programs and any requirement prescribed by the State Treasurer for administration of the Programs to the extent consistent with the provisions of this act.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY Section 14, Chapter 277, O.S.L. 1994, as amended by Section 25, Chapter 382, O.S.L. 1994 (62 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 88.1B), is amended to read as follows:

Section 88.1B A. The amount that the State Treasurer may invest in all linked deposit programs authorized by law shall not exceed ~~a total~~ the lesser of Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000.00) or fifteen percent (15%) of all monies available to the State Treasurer for investment as calculated by taking the average of the quarter-end amount for the previous four quarters.

B. The State Treasurer shall on a quarterly basis review the percentage of total investable state funds invested in all linked deposit programs created by law to determine compliance with subsection A of this section.

C. If the State Treasurer determines that more than ~~fifteen percent (15%) of the total investable state funds are~~ the amount allowable pursuant to subsection A of this section is invested in all linked deposit programs created by law, the State Treasurer shall suspend any renewal or any initiation of new linked deposit program investments until ~~such~~ the time that the State Treasurer determines the investment percentage limitation established by this section has been met and except as provided by Section ~~24~~ 88.1A of this ~~act~~ title.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 1991, Section 88.5, is amended to read as follows:

Section 88.5 A. The State Treasurer and the Department of Commerce are hereby authorized to disseminate information and to provide small business linked deposit loan packages to the lending institutions eligible for participation under this act.

B. The small business linked deposit loan package shall be completed by the borrower before being forwarded to the lending institution for consideration. Any technical assistance in completing such loan package shall be provided by the State Treasurer.

C. An eligible lending institution that desires to receive a small business linked deposit shall accept and review applications for loans from eligible participants. The lending institution shall apply all usual lending standards to determine the creditworthiness of each eligible participant. Loans under this act shall conform to the following conditions:

1. Maximum loan amounts under the Oklahoma Small Business Linked Deposit Act shall:

- a. not exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for an eligible small business,
- b. not exceed Six Million Dollars (\$6,000,000.00) for an eligible industrial park or any public trust

authorized in accordance with Section 176 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes engaged in industrial development as determined by the Oklahoma Linked Deposit Review Board. Such public trusts are limited to fifteen percent (15%) of the total available funds and a nonrenewable term not to exceed six (6) months unless their purpose is to make package passthrough loans to other private recipients for industrial development purposes. Loans made by an eligible trust cannot exceed the interest rate established by this act. Any recipient of a loan through an eligible trust must meet the criteria of this act to receive a small business linked deposit loan;

2. An eligible participant shall certify on the loan application that the reduced rate loan will be used exclusively to create new jobs or preserve existing jobs and employment opportunities in accordance with the purpose of this section;

3. Only one linked deposit loan shall be made and be outstanding at any time to any eligible participant; provided that the linked deposit loan may be refinanced;

4. No linked deposit loan shall be approved for any otherwise eligible participant when fifty percent (50%) or more of the interest in or control of such otherwise eligible participant is owned directly or indirectly by a person who owns directly or indirectly fifty percent (50%) or more of or controls another participating eligible participant;

5. No loan shall be made to any officer or director of the lending institution making the loan or to any entity in which any such officer or director maintains a controlling interest;

6. No loan shall be made to any employee of the State Treasurer's office or members of the Board or to any entity in which any such officer or director maintains a controlling interest;

7. The criteria for the amount of loans used for refinance shall be established by the Oklahoma Linked Deposit Review Board to reflect legislative intent to tighten previous criteria on refinancing;

8. The criteria for the amount of loans per job ratio shall be established by the Oklahoma Linked Deposit Review Board to reflect legislative intent to maximize the program in terms of the jobs created or saved;

9. Whoever knowingly makes a false statement concerning a linked deposit loan application shall be prohibited from entering into the linked deposit loan program; and

10. Linked deposits may be made for any maturity considered appropriate by the State Treasurer not to exceed two (2) years and may be renewed for up to an additional three renewals not to exceed two (2) years each at the discretion of the State Treasurer with the approval of the lending institution. No renewals will be allowed unless the amount of principal has been reduced by a minimum of five percent (5%) from the time of the prior loan or renewal. However, such loans made to eligible participants where the loan is to be used within an enterprise zone may be made for the maturity date of three (3) years and have another three (3) years of renewal. Loans made to be used within Priority Enterprise Zones may be made with a maturity date of five (5) years and have another three (3) years of renewal. Interest shall be paid at the times determined by the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer may place a small business linked deposit with an eligible lending institution or decline to do so based on the cash flow needs of the state, the security of state funds, investment needs of the state and the ratio of state funds deposited to jobs which would be sustained or created.

D. In considering which eligible participants to include in the small business linked deposit loan package for reduced rate loans, the eligible lending institution shall give priority to the economic

needs of the area in which the business is located and other factors it considers appropriate to determine the relative financial need of the business including those criteria set forth in the Community Reinvestment Act of the United States. Location in an enterprise zone shall be evidence of the economic needs of the area.

E. The eligible lending institution shall forward to the State Treasurer a small business linked deposit loan package in the form and manner prescribed and approved by the State Treasurer. The package shall include information regarding the amount of the loan requested by each eligible participant, the number of jobs to be created or sustained, an estimate of the number of zone residents to be employed in such jobs where the loan is to be used in an enterprise zone and such other information regarding each business the State Treasurer and the Board requires. The institution shall certify that each applicant is an eligible participant, and shall, for each business, certify the present borrowing rate applicable to each specific eligible small business.

F. Upon receipt of a completed small business linked deposit loan package, the State Treasurer shall forward the loan package to the Board, Oklahoma Tax Commission and Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. The Board shall review the small business linked deposit loan package to determine if said package is qualified under this act. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the loan package, the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission shall determine and certify with the Board whether or not the applicant is in good standing. The Board shall make a recommendation concerning the package within ten (10) business days, after receipt of the responses from the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. No applicant will be approved without certification of good standing with the Oklahoma Tax Commission and Oklahoma Employment Security Commission. The Board shall return the package to the State Treasurer with a written

recommendation of approval or rejection. If the Board recommends rejection, the written recommendation shall include reasons for said rejection. The Board shall forward a copy of its rejection notice to the lending institution and the borrower. The State Treasurer shall keep a chronological list of applications forwarded by the Board for approval or rejection.

SECTION 5. Section 3 of this act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

SECTION 6. 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 8th day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1995.

President of the Senate