

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1691

By: Reese of the House
and
Muegge of the Senate

An Act relating to state government; authorizing the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission to issue revenue bonds for certain purposes; specifying cost amount; specifying projects and cost; providing for the pledging of certain revenues; authorizing the Commission to revise certain charges for certain purposes; requiring the placement of certain funds in the 1995 Tourism Bond Revolving Account; committing certain funds for certain purposes; authorizing the Commission to make application to participate in certain reserve fund; stating that such bonds are not general obligation bonds and not an indebtedness to this state; disclaiming certain obligations; specifying such bonds as limited and special obligations of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission; prohibiting the use of the faith and credit or taxing power of this state for certain purposes; providing for codification; providing an effective date; 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 1861.4 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission shall have the power and is authorized to issue revenue bonds not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) pursuant to subsections B, C, D and E of Section 1861 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes for the purpose of constructing only the following capital project at the prescribed cost:

<u>PARK</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Great Salt Plains (Alfalfa County)	
- 9 Hole Golf Course	\$1,000,000.00
Foss Lake (Custer County)	
- 9 Hole Golf Course	<u>\$1,000,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,000,000.00

B. For revenue bonds issued by the Commission on or after July 1, 1995, only revenues generated by the improvements made from the proceeds of the issue shall be pledged to the payment of bonds issued pursuant to this section. However, the pledging of such revenues shall be made to the extent as to not impair the security interest of any of the Commission's previously issued bonds. The Commission may revise such charges directly associated with such improvements from time to time whenever necessary to assure that such are sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds. All revenues generated pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be placed in the 1995 Tourism Bond Revolving Account. Any funds not required for the purposes of this section are hereby committed for major maintenance and repairs of state park facilities. If deemed advantageous to the issuance of revenue bonds, the Commission is hereby authorized to make application to the Oklahoma Development Finance Authority for participation in the Credit Enhancement Reserve Fund.

C. The revenue bonds being issued by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission pursuant to this section shall not be general obligation bonds and shall not be an indebtedness to the State of Oklahoma. The Oklahoma Legislature shall not be obligated to appropriate funds for the repayment of the bonds issued pursuant to this section and shall be under no obligation to pay either the principal or the interest on such bonds. The bonds issued pursuant to this section are limited and special obligations of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission and shall be payable solely from the pledged revenues from the project identified in subsection A of this section and no other Department funds may be utilized in meeting the debt requirements of such bonds. Neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power of the State of Oklahoma or any political subdivision thereof is obligated to pay the principal of or the interest on the revenue bonds.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

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 8th day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1995.

President of the Senate