

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1857

By: Hefner, Smith (Dale),  
Stites, Sadler, Rhodes  
and Stanley of the House

and

Easley of the Senate

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S.  
1991, Section 11-803, which relates to when local  
authorities may alter speed limits; providing for  
maximum speed limit on certain roads; permitting  
local authorities to lower maximum speed limit on  
certain roads without conducting certain  
investigation; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 1991, Section 11-803, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 11-803. ~~(a)~~ A. Whenever local authorities in their  
respective jurisdictions determine on the basis of an engineering  
and traffic investigation that the maximum speed permitted under  
this article is greater or less than is reasonable and safe under  
the conditions found to exist upon a highway or part of a highway,  
the local authority may determine and declare a reasonable and safe  
maximum limit thereon which:

1. Decreases the limit at intersections; or

2. Increases the limit within an urban district, but not to more than sixty-five (65) miles per hour during daytime or fifty-five (55) miles per hour during nighttime; or

3. Decreases the limit outside an urban district, but not to less than thirty (30) miles per hour.

~~(b)~~ B. Local authorities in their respective jurisdictions shall determine by an engineering and traffic investigation the proper maximum speed for all arterial streets and shall declare a reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon which may be greater or less than the maximum speed permitted under ~~this act~~ the Uniform Vehicle Code for an urban district.

~~(c)~~ C. Any altered limit established as hereinabove authorized shall be effective at all times or during hours of darkness or at other times as may be determined when appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected upon such street or highway.

~~(d)~~ D. As to streets and highways within the corporate limits which have been constructed or reconstructed with state or federal funds, local authorities shall have joint authority with the State ~~Highway~~ Transportation Commission to establish or alter speed limits; and provided further, that no local authority shall impose speed limits on any such street or highway substantially lower than those justified by the highway design, capacity, and traffic volume as determined by engineering studies.

~~(e)~~ E. Not more than six such alterations as hereinabove authorized shall be made per mile along a street or highway except in the case of reduced limits at intersections, and the difference between adjacent limits shall not be more than ten (10) miles per hour.

F. On roads which are not hard surfaced the maximum speed limit shall be forty-five (45) miles per hour unless otherwise posted. Local authorities may lower the maximum speed limit on nonhard-

surfaced roads to a maximum of thirty-five (35) miles per hour  
without conducting an engineering and traffic investigation.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 6th day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

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

President of the Senate