

ENGROSSED SENATE  
BILL NO. 186

By: Haney, Hobson and Price of  
the Senate

and

Hamilton and Steidley of  
the House

[ Department Of Transportation - creating the "Rural  
Oklahoma Assistance and Development System (ROADS)  
Act" - effective date -  
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 1520 of Title 69, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as  
the "Rural Oklahoma Assistance and Development System (ROADS) Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1521 of Title 69, unless there  
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature to appropriate  
to the Department of Transportation, an additional One Hundred Fifty  
Million Dollars (\$150,000,000.00), in annual aggregate increments of  
Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00), over a five-year period, to be  
utilized for construction and maintenance projects on rural roads  
pursuant to this section.

B. The Department of Transportation shall submit a project proposal to the Legislature, for approval via concurrent resolution, to include rural road projects to be funded pursuant to this act.

C. The Department of Transportation shall consider the following when prioritizing such rural highway projects:

1. The project should improve the economic development for a rural region of the state;

2. The project should connect the rural region to a segment of the National Highway System or to a metropolitan area; or

3. The project should resolve a major safety concern previously identified by the Department of Transportation.

D. Rural road projects currently on the five-year capital plan that are designated by the Department of Transportation as a Rural Oklahoma Assistance and Development System (ROADS) project, shall be replaced by a similar road project in the same Transportation Commission district.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Transportation from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the Transportation Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, the sum of One Hundred Seventy-five Million Sixty-five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-one Dollars (\$175,065,721.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Department of Transportation by law. Said appropriation shall be transferred to the State Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund and shall be expended in the same manner and for the same purposes as provided by law for other monies accruing to the credit of the State Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund.

SECTION 4. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Transportation from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the Transportation Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1995, the sum of Fifteen Million Five Hundred Forty-nine Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$15,549,350.00) or so much

thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Department of Transportation by law. Said appropriation shall be transferred to the State Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund and shall be expended in the same manner and for the same purposes as provided by law for other monies accruing to the credit of the State Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund.

SECTION 5. There is hereby appropriated to the Department of Transportation from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, the sum of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Department of Transportation by law. Said appropriation shall be transferred to the State Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund and shall be expended for implementation of the Rural Oklahoma Assistance and Development System (ROADS) Act.

SECTION 6. The appropriations made by this act shall not be subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be available for encumbrance and expenditure purposes for a period of thirty (30) months from the date this act is approved.

SECTION 7. NONCODIFICATION The provisions of Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this act shall not be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 8. This act shall become effective July 1, 1996.

SECTION 9. 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 Senate the 29th day of February, 1996.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, 1996.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives