

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1629

By: Hilliard, Dunegan,  
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Roberts of the House

and

Roberts of the Senate

( roads, bridges and ferries - appropriation of certain  
funds - amending 69 O.S., Section 1511 - noncodification  
- effective date - emergency )

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

SECTION 1. A. The Legislature finds that the highway infrastructure in this state is vital to the health, safety, and welfare of the traveling public and to the economic development in this state. The Legislature also finds that the highway infrastructure should be continually improved and expanded in order to meet the general public's desire for a safe and convenient highway system. Based on these findings, it is the intent of the Legislature to construct new highways and improve existing highways over a four-year period as set forth in this act. To properly fund the construction and improvement of the highway system in this state, it is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000.00) from the Constitutional Reserve Fund each year for a period of four (4) years for the purposes of highway construction and improvement subject to the declaration of

an emergency pursuant to the provisions of Section 23 of Article X of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma.

B. In addition to the funding specified in subsection A of this section, a modification in the apportionment of vehicle license and registration fees as set forth in Enrolled House Bill No. 1167 of the 1st Session of the 46th Oklahoma Legislature shall be made in order to provide additional monies to the State Transportation Fund for the construction and improvement of the highway system in this state.

C. Each transportation district in this state shall receive equitable funding as set forth in Section 2 of this act. Highway projects eligible for funding pursuant to this act shall be spread equitably throughout this state, shall be in critical need of construction or improvement, and shall provide a positive economic impact to the affected area of the state. The highway projects meeting this criteria shall be developed by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. It is the intent of the Legislature that highway projects listed on the five-year plan for transportation facilities developed to meet present and future needs of this state shall continue to be funded as provided by current law and shall not be eligible for funds pursuant to this act.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 1991, Section 1511, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1511. Of the monies accruing to the State Highway Construction and Maintenance Fund and dedicated for matching federal funds and for state-aid project contracts, not less than ~~six percent (6%)~~ eight percent (8%) shall be allocated and encumbered in any one commissioner's district.

SECTION 3. Section 1 of this act shall not be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

SECTION 5. 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 12th day of March, 1997.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

President of the Senate