

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2238

By: Leist and Pettigrew of
the House

and

Shurden of the Senate

(roads, bridges and ferries - amending 69 O.S., Section
501 - classes of highways and ownership of highways
removed from system - effective date)

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 1991, Section 501, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 501. ~~(a)~~ A. The highway system of ~~the State of~~
~~Oklahoma~~ this state shall be divided into two classes, ~~to wit:~~ which
shall be known as the State Highway System and county highway
system. The State Highway System shall be designated by the
Transportation Commission and shall be composed of intercounty and
interstate highways.

~~(b)~~ B. When the Commission shall have taken over any highway,
or part thereof, as a state highway, the Commission shall become
responsible for the construction, repair and maintenance of such
highway and for this purpose shall be authorized to use any state
highway funds, together with any money derived from any agreement
entered into between the Commission and the federal government, any
county, or any citizen or group of citizens who have made donations
for that purpose.

~~(c) C. When from the date of this act any segment of the State Highway System is removed from such the system, any bridge located on such removed segment shall remain the property of the State Highway Commission unless the board of county commissioners in which such segment is located shall within six (6) months designate such removed segment of highway as a part of the county highway system, regardless of the source of the funds with which said bridge was constructed. In the alternative the county commissioners may designate that the bridge is to be used on the county highway system at some other location within two (2) years from the time the segment of highway on which the bridge was originally located is removed from the State Highway System. The State Highway Commission shall not interpret this subsection as an authorization for closing any road used as a service road for regular local traffic all right, title, and interest to the road, right-of-way, and any signs or facilities shall revert to the appropriate county or municipal authority. The Department of Transportation shall determine the specific right-of-way to be conveyed and prepare and execute a conveyance of title document which shall be forwarded to the local authority to be filed with the county clerk.~~

~~(d) D. Prior to returning a state highway back to the county highway system, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall make any necessary improvements to the road to meet the minimum design guidelines as set forth in the current State of Oklahoma County Road Design Guidelines Manual, and provide a driving surface that has no less than a good rating according to the current County Road Surface Management System. Prior to returning a state highway bridge back to the County Bridge System, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall make any necessary improvements to the bridge so that it will achieve a minimum twenty (20) ton load rating according to the National Bridge Inventory System.~~

E. The Commission shall provide and maintain a map of the state which shall show all the highways which have been designated as part of the State Highway System and, when practical, status of improvement thereon.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

Passed the House of Representatives the 23rd day of February, 1998.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1998.

President of the Senate