

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2611

By: Rice of the House
and
Easley of the Senate

An Act relating to oil and gas; amending 52 O.S.
1991, Section 555, which relates to the investment
of certain funds; changing percent of interest
allocated to the Mineral Owner's Fund; modifying
maximum amount of reimbursement; and providing an
effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 52 O.S. 1991, Section 555, is
amended to read as follows:

Section 555. The State Treasurer shall invest the monies in the
Mineral Owner's Fund and shall annually apportion the interest
earned as follows:

1. ~~Fifteen percent (15%)~~ Twenty-five percent (25%) to the
Corporation Commission to reimburse that agency for the cost of
administration of the monitoring and enforcements requirements of
this act, but not to exceed ~~Forty-five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00)~~
Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00);

2. Twenty-five percent (25%) to the Corporation Commission to
be used for plugging abandoned oil and gas wells, pursuant to
Sections 308 et seq. of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes, not to

exceed Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) per year; ~~provided, that any.~~ Any amount that would cause funds available for that purpose to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) in any one (1) year shall remain in the Mineral Owner's Fund;

3. Fifty percent (50%) to the Unclaimed Property Division of the Oklahoma Tax Commission but not more than Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) per year, to be spent for advertising, personnel and other expenses incurred to search for the rightful owners of unclaimed intangible property generated by mineral interests; and

4. Any remaining interest shall be added to the principal of the Mineral Owner's Fund.

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

Passed the House of Representatives the 10th day of March, 1998.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1998.

President of the Senate