

SHORT TITLE: Roads, bridges and ferries; clarifying statutory reference; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE BILL NO. 475

By: Stipe

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to roads, bridges and ferries;

amending 69 O.S. 1991, Section 659, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 206, O.S.L. 1993 (69 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 659), which relates to county bridge standards; clarifying statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 1991, Section 659, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 206, O.S.L. 1993 (69 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 659), is amended to read as follows:

Section 659. The Department of Transportation is hereby authorized to develop a complete set of county bridge standards, including standards for demonstration bridge projects and standards for county bridges with low average daily traffic volumes as defined by the latest published version of the County Roads Design Guidelines Manual. Such standards shall be developed under the direction of the Bridge Division of the Department and prior to implementation shall be approved by the State Association of County Commissioners and the Transportation Commission. Such standards shall be furnished without cost to local units of government. Engineering for projects authorized pursuant to the County Bridge Improvement Act, Section 657 et seq. of this title, may be provided by the Department of Transportation at the request of a county. The

cost to the Department for such engineering shall be charged to the project. Monies received by the county pursuant to the County Bridge Improvement Act, Section 657 et seq. of this title, may be used for purposes of obtaining engineering services. Only registered professional engineers, approved by the Department, experienced in the design and construction of highway and related facilities, shall be used for such services. Counties acquiring engineering services as provided for in this section shall require the engineers providing such services to execute professional service contracts which include a requirement that the engineer shall maintain an adequate policy of professional liability insurance.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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