

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2022

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the House

and

Taylor of the Senate

(tobacco - Tobacco Settlement Act of 2000 - Tobacco
Settlement Endowment Trust Fund - Tobacco
Settlement Fund - codification -
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 600.13 of Title 37, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall be known and may be cited
as the "Tobacco Settlement Act of 2000".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 600.14 of Title 37, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Effective June 30, 2000, all monies received by the State of
Oklahoma after the effective date of this act pursuant to any
settlement with or judgment against any tobacco company or companies
shall be subject to the provisions of the Tobacco Settlement Act of
2000, except for monies deposited to the Attorney General's Evidence
Fund pursuant to Section 19 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

shall be deposited into the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund created by Section 3 of this act.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 600.15 of Title 37, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created a trust fund to be known as the "Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust Fund". The Trust Fund principal shall consist of monies which are deposited to the Trust Fund pursuant to the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Act of 2000, designated for the purposes set forth in subsection K of this section, which are not specifically designated for any other purpose. The Trust Fund principal shall not be diminished. Notwithstanding other provisions of law, income and investment return on Trust Fund principal shall accrue to the Trust Fund.

B. The Trust Fund shall be managed by a Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall consist of five (5) members, as follows:

1. The State Treasurer or designee;
2. The State Auditor and Inspector or designee;
3. One citizen member appointed by the Governor who shall have a demonstrated expertise in public or private investment finance;
4. One citizen member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate who shall have a demonstrated expertise in public or private investment funds management; and
5. One citizen member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives who shall have a demonstrated expertise in public or private investment funds management.

All appointed Trustees serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority or the appointing authority's successor in office.

C. The Trustees shall receive no salary for serving on the Board. All Trustees shall receive necessary travel expenses in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act from funds of the Trust Fund.

D. The Board of Trustees shall hold its first meeting by August 1, 2000.

E. The Trustees shall discharge their duties as trustees of the Trust Fund:

1. With the care, skill, prudence, and diligence, under the circumstances then prevailing, that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims;

2. By diversifying the investments in the Trust Fund so as to minimize the risk of large losses, unless, under the circumstances, it is clearly prudent not to do so; and

3. In accordance with the laws, documents and instruments governing the Trust Fund.

F. The Board of Trustees shall retain qualified investment managers to provide for the investment of the monies of the Trust Fund. The investment managers shall be chosen by a solicitation of proposals on a competitive bid basis pursuant to standards set by the Board of Trustees. The investment managers shall have full discretion in the management of those monies of the Trust Fund allocated to the investment managers, subject to the overall investment guidelines set by the Board of Trustees. The monies of the Trust Fund allocated to the investment managers shall be managed by the investment managers. The investment managers may sell investments and realize losses if such action is considered advantageous to longer-term return maximization. Because of the total return objective, no distinction shall be made for management and performance evaluation purposes between realized and unrealized capital gains and losses. The Board of Trustees shall have the State Treasurer manage those monies not specifically allocated to the investment managers.

G. The Trust Fund may be invested in securities, including but not limited to, the stock of corporations, the equity interests of

limited liability companies, the equity interests of partnerships or such other equity interests in private business enterprises, however denominated or classified, as may be consistent with the duty imposed upon the Trustees pursuant to subsection E of this section.

H. The Board of Trustees shall select a custodial bank to settle transactions involving the investment of funds in the Trust Fund and to hold custody of the securities in the Trust Fund portfolio. The custodian shall be a bank or trust company offering pension fund master trustee and master custodial services. The custodian shall be chosen by a solicitation of proposals on a competitive basis pursuant to standards set by the Board of Trustees.

I. The Board of Trustees shall choose the custodians and managers of the assets of the Trust Fund, shall establish investment and fund management guidelines, and shall adopt an investment policy. The selection of investment managers and a custodian bank shall be exempt from the provisions of the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act.

J. The State Treasurer shall provide any necessary staff support to the Board of Trustees. The cost of up to one full-time-equivalent employee for the Office of the State Treasurer may be considered as an administrative expense of the Trust Fund. However, the amount provided to the State Treasurer for this purpose shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

K. On or before February 1 of each calendar year, the Board of Trustees shall determine the annual net income of the Trust Fund for the previous twelve-month period ending December 31 of the previous calendar year, which shall include all additions to the Trust Fund, except any payments to the Trust Fund pursuant to the tobacco settlement entered into on November 13, 1998, by the State of Oklahoma and leading United States tobacco product manufacturers; all future settlement or judgment payments received pursuant to the

Tobacco Settlement Act of 2000; all earnings, including interest, dividends, and capital gains from investment of the Trust Fund which shall be credited to the corpus of the Trust Fund; and any other monies which may be added thereto by law. A maximum of ninety-five percent (95%) of the annual net income, less the amount of reasonable expenses for administration from that year, shall be deposited into the Tobacco Settlement Fund created by Section 4 of this act. No part of the Trust Fund shall ever be diverted.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 600.16 of Title 37, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a special fund to be known and designated as the Tobacco Settlement Fund, into which fund shall be deposited monies received by the state, pursuant to Section 2 and subsection K of Section 3 of this act, or any official, agency or department of the state in settlement of claims by the state against tobacco manufacturers. No monies shall be paid out of such fund except pursuant to an appropriation by the Legislature for such purposes as may be authorized by law.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 600.17 of Title 37, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Any monies received by the State of Oklahoma as a result of a federal tobacco settlement or judgment, except undesignated funds received through a settlement or judgment referred to in subsection A of Section 3 of this act, shall be subject to the provisions of Section 41.13a of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 6. 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 28th day of February,
2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2000.

President of the Senate