ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 115

By: Haney and Hobson of the Senate

and

Settle and Begley of the House

An Act relating to Oklahoma capital improvement projects; amending Section 1, Chapter 372, O.S.L. 1998, as amended by Section 19, Chapter 426, O.S.L. 1998 (73 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 301), which relates to the Oklahoma Capital Improvement Authority; requiring transfer of certain funds for certain reimbursements; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 372, O.S.L. 1998, as amended by Section 19, Chapter 426, O.S.L. 1998 (73 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 301), is amended to read as follows:

Section 301. A. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority is authorized to acquire real property, together with improvements located thereon, and personal property, to construct buildings and other improvements to real property and to provide funding for repairs, refurbishments and improvements to real and personal property and for funding for the following capital projects in the following amounts:

1. Capital projects at institutions of higher education which are part of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education in a total amount not to exceed Forty-five Million Dollars ($45,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

2. Construction of a History Center for the Oklahoma Historical Society in a total amount not to exceed Thirty-two Million Dollars ($32,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the Oklahoma Historical Society. Of such total amount, the sum of Four Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars ($4,100,000.00) shall be transferred to the Capital Improvement Authority Revolving Fund as reimbursement for improvements and renovations to the property made in preparation for the construction of the History Center;

3. Renovation of the Wiley Post Historical Building for occupancy by appellate courts in a total amount not to exceed Ten

Million Dollars ($10,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the Oklahoma Supreme Court;

4. Land acquisition, demolition, landscaping, environmental remediation and other costs associated with the Lincoln Boulevard Renaissance Project in a total amount not to exceed Thirteen Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars ($13,800,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the Department of Central Services;

5. Construction of a new building for the J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities in a total amount not to exceed Ten Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars ($10,300,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities;

6. Funding for capital costs of a Technology Incubator Program for the University Hospitals Authority in a total amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the University Hospitals Authority;

7. Funding for capital costs for the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority of Oklahoma in a total amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority of Oklahoma;

8. Funding for capital costs for systemwide equipment for the Oklahoma Department of Vocational and Technical Education in a total amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars ($5,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the Oklahoma Department of Vocational and Technical Education;

9. Capital projects for the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in a total amount not to exceed Six Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($6,750,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the State Department of Rehabilitation Services;

10. Capital projects for the Oklahoma School for the Blind in a total amount not to exceed Six Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ($6,750,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the State Department of Rehabilitation Services;

11. Construction of a new Veterans Center in Lawton, Oklahoma, in a total amount not to exceed Twelve Million Dollars ($12,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs;

12. Capital costs for financial management information systems in a total amount not to exceed One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the Office of State Finance;

13. Funding for the purchase of computer hardware and software for the Central Purchasing Division of the Department of Central Services in a total amount not to exceed Two Million Dollars ($2,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the Department of Central Services;

14. Funding for implementation of the Boll Weevil Eradication Act in a total amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars ($3,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the State Department of Agriculture;

15. Funding for construction and other capital costs at Quartz Mountain Lodge and Arts and Conference Center in a total amount not to exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars ($3,500,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department; and

16. Such other capital projects as may be specifically authorized by the Oklahoma Legislature to be funded by the obligations authorized herein.

The Authority may hold title to the real and personal property and improvements until such time as any obligations issued for this purpose are retired or defeated and may lease the real property and improvements to the agencies indicated herein. Upon final redemption or defeasance of the obligations created pursuant to this section, title to the real and personal property and improvements shall be transferred from the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority, to the agencies indicated herein.

B. For the purpose of paying the costs for acquisition and construction of the real property and improvements and personal property and making the repairs, refurbishments, and improvements to real and personal property, and providing funding for the projects authorized in subsection A of this section, and for the purpose authorized in subsection C of this section, the Authority is hereby authorized to borrow monies on the credit of the income and revenues to be derived from the leasing of such real and personal property and improvements and, in anticipation of the collection of such income and revenues, to issue negotiable obligations in a total amount not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty Million Dollars ($320,000,000.00) whether issued in one or more series. The Department of Central Services is authorized and directed to expend funds from the Capital Improvement Revolving Fund in amounts sufficient to make required payments pursuant to such obligations during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999. For subsequent fiscal years, it is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate to the indicated state agencies sufficient monies to make rental payments for the purposes of retiring the obligations created pursuant to this section. The costs for acquisition and construction of the real and personal property and improvements and repairs, refurbishments and funding for the projects authorized in subsection A of this section shall not exceed Three Hundred Fifteen Million Dollars ($315,000,000.00).

C. To the extent funds are available from the proceeds of the borrowing authorized by subsection B of this section, the Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority shall provide for the payment of professional fees and associated costs related to the projects authorized in subsection A of this section.

D. The Authority may issue obligations in one or more series and in conjunction with other issues of the Authority. The

Authority is authorized to hire bond counsel, financial consultants, and such other professionals as it may deem necessary to provide for the efficient sale of the obligations and may utilize a portion of the proceeds of any borrowing to create such reserves as may be deemed necessary and to pay costs associated with the issuance and administration of such obligations.

E. The obligations authorized under this section may be sold at either competitive or negotiated sale, as determined by the Authority, and in such form and at such prices as may be authorized by the Authority. The Authority may enter into agreements with such credit enhancers and liquidity providers as may be determined necessary to efficiently market the obligations. The obligations may mature and have such provisions for redemption as shall be determined by the Authority, but in no event shall the final maturity of such obligations occur later than thirty (30) years from the first principal maturity date.

F. Any interest earnings on funds or accounts created for the purposes of this section may be utilized as partial payment of the annual debt service or for the purposes directed by the Authority.

G. The obligations issued under this section, the transfer thereof and the interest earned on such obligations, including any profit derived from the sale thereof, shall not be subject to taxation of any kind by the State of Oklahoma, or by any county, municipality or political subdivision therein.

H. The Authority may direct the investment of all monies in any funds or accounts created in connection with the offering of the obligations authorized under this section. Such investments shall be made in a manner consistent with the investment guidelines of the State Treasurer. The Authority may place additional restrictions on the investment of such monies if necessary to enhance the marketability of the obligations.

I. It is the intent of the Legislature to authorize specific capital projects in the 1st Session of the 47th Oklahoma Legislature to be funded by the negotiable obligations authorized in this section. Such capital projects shall not exceed One Hundred Fifty-six Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars ($156,900,000.00).

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1999.

Passed the Senate the 20th day of May, 1999.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of May, 1999.

Speaker of the House of Representatives