

Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 1203

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1203 -- By ROBERTS of the House and ROZELL of the Senate.

An Act relating to the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2-401, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 59, O.S.L. 1997 (63 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 2-401), which relates to prohibited acts; modifying certain distances; amending Section 7, Chapter 133, O.S.L. 1997, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 333, O.S.L. 1997 (21 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 17), which relates to sentence enhancers; modifying certain distances; amending 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2-508, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 1996 (63 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 2-508), which relates to disposition of seized property; authorizing the destruction of certain controlled dangerous substances; providing for samples to be taken and identified; requiring certain notice be given; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2-401, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 59, O.S.L. 1997 (63 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 2-401), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-401. A. Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, Section 2-101 et seq. of this title, it shall be unlawful for any person:

1. To distribute, dispense, transport with intent to distribute or dispense, possess with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense, a controlled dangerous substance or to solicit the use of or use the services of a person less than eighteen (18) years of age to cultivate, manufacture, distribute or dispense a controlled dangerous substance;
2. To create, distribute, transport with intent to distribute or dispense, or possess with intent to distribute, a counterfeit controlled dangerous substance; or
3. To distribute any imitation controlled substance as defined by Section 2-101 of this title, except when authorized by the Food and Drug Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

B. Any person who violates the provisions of this section with respect to:

1. A substance classified in Schedule I or II which is a narcotic drug or lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), upon conviction, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment for not less than five (5) years nor more than life and a fine of not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00). Said sentence shall not be subject to

statutory provisions for suspended sentences, deferred sentences, or probation except when the conviction is for a first offense;

2. Any other controlled dangerous substance classified in Schedule I, II, III, or IV, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment for not less than two (2) years nor more than life and a fine of not more than Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00). Said sentence shall not be subject to statutory provisions for suspended sentences, deferred sentences, or probation except when the conviction is for a first offense;

3. A substance classified in Schedule V, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a felony and shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment for not more than five (5) years and a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00);

4. An imitation controlled substance as defined by Section 2-101 of this title, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the county jail for a period of not more than one (1) year and a fine of not more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). A person convicted of a second violation of the provisions of this paragraph shall be guilty of a felony and shall be sentenced to a term of imprisonment for not more than five (5) years and a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00); or

5. Except when authorized by the Food and Drug Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, distribute, or possess with intent to distribute a synthetic controlled substance. Any person convicted of violating the provisions of this paragraph is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for a term not to exceed life and a fine of not more than Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00). A second or subsequent conviction for the violation of the provisions of this paragraph is a felony punishable by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for a term not less than ten (10) years and more than life and a fine of not more than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00).

C. Any person convicted of a second or subsequent felony violation of the provisions of this section, except for paragraphs 4 and 5 of subsection B of this section or subsection E of this section, shall be punished by a term of imprisonment twice that otherwise authorized and by twice the fine otherwise authorized. Convictions for second or subsequent violations of the provisions of this section shall not be subject to statutory provisions for suspended sentences, deferred sentences, or probation.

D. Any person who is at least eighteen (18) years of age and who violates the provisions of this section by using or soliciting the use of services of a person less than eighteen (18) years of age to distribute, manufacture, dispense, transport

with intent to distribute or dispense or cultivate a controlled dangerous substance or by distributing a controlled dangerous substance to a person under eighteen (18) years of age is punishable by twice the fine and by twice the imprisonment otherwise authorized.

E. Any person who violates any provision of this section by transporting with intent to distribute or dispense, distributing or possessing with intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance to a person, in or on, or within ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ five thousand (5,000) feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary school, public vocational school, public or private college or university, or other institution of higher education, recreation center or public park, including state parks and recreation areas, or public housing project shall be punished by:

1. For a first offense, a term of imprisonment, or by the imposition of a fine or by both, not exceeding twice that authorized by the appropriate provision of this section and shall serve a minimum of fifty percent (50%) of the sentence received prior to becoming eligible for state correctional institution earned credits toward the completion of said sentence; or

2. For a second or subsequent offense, a term of imprisonment not exceeding three times that authorized by the appropriate provision of this section and shall serve a minimum of ninety percent (90%) of the sentence received prior to becoming eligible for state correctional institution earned credits toward the completion of said sentence.

F. Except as authorized by the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, it shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture or attempt to manufacture any controlled dangerous substance. Any person violating the provisions of this section with respect to the unlawful manufacturing or attempting to unlawfully manufacture any controlled dangerous substance, upon conviction, is guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for not less than twenty (20) years nor more than life and by a fine of not less than Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

Said sentence shall not be subject to statutory provisions for suspended sentences, deferred sentences, or probation. A person convicted of a second or subsequent violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be required to serve at least ten (10) years of such person's sentence before becoming eligible for parole or any early release from incarceration.

Any person convicted of any offense described in this section may, in addition to the fine imposed, be assessed an amount not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the fine imposed. Such assessment shall be paid into a revolving fund for enforcement of controlled dangerous substances created pursuant to Section 2-506 of this title.

G. For purposes of this section, “public housing project” means any dwelling or accommodations operated as a state or federally subsidized multifamily housing project by any housing authority, nonprofit corporation or municipal developer or housing projects created pursuant to the Oklahoma Housing Authority Act, Section 1051 et seq. of this title.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 7, Chapter 133, O.S.L. 1997, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 333, O.S.L. 1997 (21 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 17), is amended to read as follows:

Section 17. A. The sentencing ranges in the matrices shall be enhanced in accordance with the following provisions based on the circumstances of the commission of the offense, however the enhancement provision shall not apply to conduct which is an element of the offense. The following shall be offense enhancers:

1. If the offender committed the current offense with the use of a firearm within the immediate possession and control of the offender then the sentencing range shall be enhanced by two levels on the sentencing matrices;

2. If the victim of the offense is over sixty-two (62) years, under twelve (12) years, or is disabled by reason of mental or physical illness to such extent that the victim lacks the ability to effectively protect the victim’s property or person, then the sentencing range shall be enhanced by two levels on the sentencing matrices;

3. If the property involved in a theft, embezzlement or fraud crime is of great value, then the punishment for committing that crime shall be enhanced. If the commission of the crime involved the use of drug proceeds then the punishment for committing the crime shall be enhanced by the amount of drug proceeds involved. The “amount involved” is a calculation of the value of the property involved in the crime, the amount of money that was stolen, embezzled or obtained by fraud, or the amount of drug proceeds which is utilized.

- a. If the amount involved is greater than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) but less than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) then the sentencing range shall be enhanced two levels on the sentencing matrices.
- b. If the amount involved is greater than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) but less than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) then the sentencing range shall be enhanced by five levels on the sentencing matrices.
- c. If the amount involved is greater than One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) but less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) then the sentencing range shall be enhanced by seven levels on the sentencing matrices.

d. If the amount involved is greater than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) then the sentencing range shall be enhanced to the highest level on the sentencing matrices;

4. If in the commission of the crimes, the offender tortured or maimed the victim then the sentencing range shall be enhanced two levels on the sentencing matrices;

5. If the offender committed a Schedule N-2 or N-3 offense of trafficking, distributing, dispensing, purchasing, transporting with the intent to distribute, or possessing with the intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance, or a synthetic of the controlled dangerous substance, in or on, or within ~~one thousand (1,000)~~ five thousand (5,000) feet of the real property comprising a public or private elementary or secondary school, public or private college or university, or other institution of higher education, recreation center or public park, including state parks and recreation areas, or public housing project, or in the presence of any child under twelve (12) years of age, then the sentencing range shall be enhanced by one level on the sentencing matrices; and

6. If the offender committed a Schedule N-2 or N-3 offense of trafficking, distributing, dispensing, purchasing, transporting with the intent to distribute, or possessing with the intent to distribute a controlled dangerous substance, or a synthetic of the controlled dangerous substance, by using or soliciting the services of a person less than eighteen (18) years of age, the sentencing range shall be enhanced by one level on the sentencing matrices, if the offender was at least eighteen (18) years of age at the time of the offense.

B. Every person who, having been previously convicted of an offense, commits any crime after such conviction, shall be punishable, upon conviction of a subsequently committed crime, by the following prior record enhancers:

1. If the prior offense is murder in the first degree or any other offense which is a Schedule A, Schedule N-1, or Schedule S-1 crime then the sentencing range shall be enhanced by six levels on the sentencing matrices;

2. If the prior offense is a Schedule B, Schedule N-2, or Schedule S-2 crime, then the sentencing range shall be enhanced by four levels on the sentencing matrices;

3. If the prior offense is a Schedule C crime, then the sentencing range shall be enhanced by two levels on the sentencing matrices;

4. If the prior offense is a Schedule D, Schedule D-1, Schedule N-3, Schedule N-4, or Schedule S-3 crime, then the sentencing range shall be enhanced by one level on the sentencing matrices; and

5. If the prior offense is a Schedule D-2, Schedule E, Schedule F, Schedule G, Schedule H, Schedule I-1, Schedule I-2, Schedule I-3, Schedule N-5, or Schedule S-4 crime, then the sentencing range shall be enhanced by one level on the sentencing matrices.

C. 1. If the person has been previously convicted of two or more felonies which do not arise out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of events closely related in time and location, the sentencing range shall be enhanced based on each prior conviction, unless the prior convictions were concurrent sentences.

2. If the person has been previously convicted of two or more felonies which the defendant proved arose out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of events closely related in time and location, the enhanced range of sentence for the current offense shall be determined on the schedule of punishment for the highest scheduled prior offense arising from that transaction.

3. If the person has been previously convicted of two or more felonies which did not arise out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of events closely related in time and location but were concurrent sentences, the sentencing range shall be enhanced based on the maximum prior conviction plus one level.

D. No person shall be sentenced with a prior record enhancer when a period of ten (10) years has elapsed between the date of full completion of the sentence for the prior conviction and the date of the commission of the offense sought to be enhanced. For the purpose of this subsection, the date of full completion of the prior sentence shall be computed as though said sentence had been served in full, and no methods of sentence reduction shall apply towards calculating this time period. Provided however, that the ten-year limitation on a prior conviction shall be tolled by an intervening conviction.

E. Unless otherwise provided by law, the enhancements provided by the Oklahoma Truth in Sentencing Act are cumulative, in that all applicable level increases are added together to produce the applicable sentencing range.

F. The state is required to provide notice of specific acts or prior convictions upon which the state will rely at sentencing for enhancement. Unless otherwise ordered by the court, the notice shall be filed by the state not less than thirty (30) days prior to the trial on the merits.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 1991, Section 2-508, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 347, O.S.L. 1996 (63 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 2-508), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-508. A. Except as otherwise provided, all property described in paragraphs 1 and 2 of subsection A of Section 2-503 of this title which is seized or surrendered pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, Section 2-101 et seq. of this title, shall be destroyed. The destruction shall be done by or at the direction of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, who shall have the discretion prior to destruction to preserve samples of the substance for testing. In any county with a population of four hundred thousand (400,000) or more according to the latest Federal Decennial Census, there shall be a located site, approved by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, for the destruction of the property. Any such property submitted to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation which it deems to be of use for investigative training, educational, or analytical purposes may be retained by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation in lieu of destruction.

B. 1. With respect to controlled dangerous substances seized or surrendered pursuant to the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, municipal police departments, sheriffs, the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control Commission, the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall have the authority to destroy seized controlled dangerous substances when the amount seized in a single incident exceeds ten (10) pounds. The destroying agency shall:

- a. photograph the seized substance with identifying case numbers or other means of identification,
- b. prepare a report describing the seized substance prior to the destruction,
- c. retain at least ten (10) pounds of the substance randomly selected from the seized substance for the purpose of evidence, and
- d. obtain and retain samples of the substance from each container, bale, brick, or other unit of substance seized that is large enough for the destroying agency and the defendant or suspect to have an independent test performed on the substance for purposes of identification.

2. If a defendant or suspect is known to the destroying agency, the destroying agency shall give at least seven (7) days' written notice to the defendant, suspect or counsel for the defendant or suspect of:

a. the date, the time, and the place where the photographing will take place and notice of the right to attend the photographing.

b. the date, and the time where the destruction will be conducted, and

c. the right to obtain samples of the controlled dangerous substance for independent testing and use as evidence.

3. The written notice shall also inform the defendant, suspect or counsel for the defendant or suspect that the destroying agency must be notified in writing within seven (7) days from receipt of the notice of the intent of the suspect or defendant to obtain random samples and make arrangements for the taking of samples. The samples for the defendant or suspect must be taken by a person licensed by the Drug Enforcement Administration. If the defendant or counsel for the defendant fails to notify the destroying agency in writing of an intent to obtain samples and fails to make arrangements for the taking of samples, a sample taken pursuant to subparagraph d of paragraph 1 of this subsection shall be made available upon request of the defendant or suspect.

The representative samples, the photographs, the reports, and the records made under this section and properly identified shall be admissible in any court or administrative proceeding for any purposes for which the seized substance itself would have been admissible.

C. All other property not otherwise provided for in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act which has come into the possession of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control or a district attorney may be disposed of by order of the district court when no longer needed in connection with any litigation. If the owner of the property is unknown to the Bureau or district attorney, the Bureau shall hold the property for at least six (6) months prior to filing a petition for disposal with the district court except for laboratory equipment which may be forfeited when no longer needed in connection with litigation, unless the property is perishable. The Director or district attorney shall file a petition in the district court of Oklahoma County or in the case of a district attorney, the petition shall be filed in a county within the district attorney's jurisdiction requesting the authority to:

1. Conduct a sale of the property;
2. Convert title of the property to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control or to the district attorney's office for donation or transfer in accordance with subsection H I or J K of this section; or
3. Convert title of the property to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control for the purpose of leasing the property in accordance with subsection I J of this section.

The Director or district attorney shall attach to the petition a list describing the property, including all identifying numbers and marks, if any, the date the property came into the possession of the Bureau or district attorney, and the name and address of the owner, if known. The notice of the hearing of the petition for the sale of the property, except laboratory equipment used in the processing, manufacturing or compounding of controlled dangerous substances in violation of the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, shall be given to every known owner, as set forth in the petition, by certified mail to the last-known address of the owner at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing. Notice of a hearing on a petition for forfeiture or sale of laboratory equipment used in the processing, manufacturing or compounding of controlled dangerous substances in violation of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act shall not be required. The notice shall contain a brief description of the property, and the location and date of the hearing. In addition, notice of the hearing shall be posted in three public places in the county, one such place being the county courthouse at the regular place assigned for the posting of legal notices. At the hearing, if no owner appears and establishes ownership of the property, the court may enter an order authorizing the Director or district attorney to donate the property pursuant to subsection H I of this section, to sell the property at a public auction to the highest bidder, or to convert title of the property to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control for the purpose of leasing or transferring the property pursuant to subsection I J or J K of this section after at least ten (10) days' notice has been given by publication in one issue of a legal newspaper of the county. If the property is offered for sale at public auction and no bid is received that exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the value of the property, such value to be announced prior to the sale, the Director or district attorney may refuse to sell the item pursuant to any bid received. The Director or district attorney shall make a return of the sale and, when confirmed

by the court, the order confirming the sale shall vest in the purchaser title to the property so purchased. The money received from the sale shall be used for the purpose of purchasing controlled dangerous substances to be used as evidence in narcotic cases and fees for informers, or employees and other associated expenses necessary to apprehend and convict violators of the laws of the State of Oklahoma regulating controlled dangerous substances. These funds shall be transferred to the agency special account established pursuant to Section 7.2 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes or the Bureau of Narcotics Revolving Fund or in the case of a district attorney, the revolving fund in that district for drug education and enforcement. The Director of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control and the Director of State Finance are hereby authorized and directed to promulgate in writing the necessary rules and regulations requiring strict accountability relative to the expenditure of the above funds. In the case of a district attorney, the accountability relative to the expenditure of the fund shall be according to rules already existing for county revolving funds.

~~C. D.~~ D. At the request of the Department of Public Safety, the district attorney or a designee of the district attorney may conduct any forfeiture proceedings as described in Section 2-503 of this title on any property subject to forfeiture as described in ~~subsections~~ subsection A, B, or C of Section 2-503 of this title. Except as provided in subsection A of this section, all other property not otherwise provided for in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act which has come into the possession of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety may be disposed of by order of the district court when no longer needed in connection with any litigation. If the owner of the property is unknown to the Department, the Department shall hold the property for at least six (6) months prior to filing a petition for disposal with the district court, unless the property is perishable. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall file a petition in the district court of Oklahoma County requesting the authority to conduct a sale of the property or to convert title of the property to the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall attach to the petition a list describing the property, including all identifying numbers and marks, if any, the date the property came into the possession of the Department, and the name and address of the owner, if known. The notice of the hearing of the petition for the sale of the property shall be given to every known owner, as set forth in the petition, by certified mail to the last-known address of the owner and party in last possession if applicable, at least

ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall contain a brief description of the property, and the location and date of the hearing. In addition, notice of the hearing shall be posted in three public places in the county, one such place being the county courthouse at the regular place assigned for the posting of legal notices. At the hearing, if no owner appears and establishes ownership of the property, the court may enter an order authorizing the Commissioner of Public Safety to donate the property pursuant to subsection ~~H~~ I of this section, to sell the property to the highest bidder, or convert title of the property to the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety for the purpose of leasing or transferring the property pursuant to subsection ~~I~~ J or ~~J~~ K of this section after at least five (5) days' notice has been given by publication in one issue of a legal newspaper of the county. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall make a return of the sale and, when confirmed by the court, the order confirming the sale shall vest in the purchaser title to the property so purchased. The money received from the sale shall be deposited in the Department of Public Safety Revolving Fund and shall be expended for law enforcement purposes.

~~D~~. E. Except as provided in subsection A of this section, all other property not otherwise provided for in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act which has come into the possession of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission may be disposed of by order of the district court when no longer needed in connection with any litigation. If the owner of the property is unknown to the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, the Commission shall hold the property for at least six (6) months prior to filing a petition for disposal with the district court, unless the property is perishable. The Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission shall file a petition in the district court of Oklahoma County requesting the authority to conduct a sale of the property or to convert title of the property to the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission. The Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission shall attach to the petition a list describing the property, including all identifying numbers and marks, if any, the date the property came into the possession of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, and the name and address of the owner, if known. The notice of the hearing of the petition for the sale of the property shall be given to every known owner, as set forth in the petition, by certified mail to the last-known address of the owner at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall contain a brief description of the property, and the location and date of the hearing. In addition, notice of the

hearing shall be posted in three public places in the county, one such place being the county courthouse at the regular place assigned for the posting of legal notices. At the hearing, if no owner appears and establishes ownership of the property, the court may enter an order authorizing the Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission to donate the property pursuant to subsection ~~H~~ I of this section or to sell the property to the highest bidder after at least five (5) days' notice has been given by publication in one issue of a legal newspaper of the county. The Director of the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission shall make a return of the sale and, when confirmed by the court, the order confirming the sale shall vest in the purchaser title to the property so purchased. The money received from the sale shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund of the state.

~~E~~ F. Except as provided in subsection A of this section, all other property not otherwise provided for in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act which has come into the possession of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation may be disposed of by order of the district court when no longer needed in connection with any litigation. If the owner of the property is unknown to the Bureau, the Bureau shall hold the property for at least six (6) months prior to filing a petition for disposal with the district court, unless the property is perishable. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall file a petition in the district court of Oklahoma County requesting the authority to conduct a sale of the property or to convert title of the property to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall attach to the petition a list describing the property, including all identifying numbers and marks, if any, the date the property came into the possession of the Bureau, and the name and address of the owner, if known. The notice of the hearing of the petition for the sale of the property shall be given to every known owner, as set forth in the petition, by certified mail to the last-known address of the owner and party in last possession if applicable, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall contain a brief description of the property, and the location and date of the hearing. In addition, notice of the hearing shall be posted in three public places in the county, one such place being the county courthouse at the regular place assigned for the posting of legal notices. At the hearing, if no owner appears and establishes ownership of the property, the court may enter an order authorizing the Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation to donate the

property pursuant to subsection ~~H~~ I of this section, to sell the property to the highest bidder, or convert title of the property to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation for the purpose of leasing or transferring the property pursuant to subsection ~~I~~ J or ~~J~~ K of this section after at least five (5) days' notice has been given by publication in one issue of a legal newspaper of the county. The Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall make a return of the sale and, when confirmed by the court, the order confirming the sale shall vest in the purchaser title to the property so purchased. The money received from the sale shall be deposited in the OSBI Revolving Fund and shall be expended for law enforcement purposes.

~~F~~ G. Except as provided in subsection A of this section, all other property not otherwise provided for in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act which has come into the possession of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections may be disposed of by order of the district court when no longer needed in connection with any litigation. If the owner of the property is unknown to the Department, the Department shall hold the property for at least six (6) months prior to filing a petition for disposal with the district court, unless the property is perishable. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections shall file a petition in the district court of the county of seizure requesting the authority to conduct a sale of the property or to convert title to the property to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections shall attach to the petition a list describing the property, including all identifying numbers and marks, if any, the date the property came into possession of the Department and the name and address of the owner, if known. The notice of the hearing of the petition for the sale of the property shall be given to every known owner, as set forth in the petition, by certified mail to the last-known address of the owner and party in last possession if applicable, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall contain a brief description of the property and the location and date of the hearing. In addition, notice of the hearing shall be posted in three public places in the county, one such place being the county courthouse at the regular place assigned for the posting of legal notices. At the hearing, if no owner appears and establishes ownership of the property, the court may enter an order authorizing the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections to donate the property pursuant to subsection ~~H~~ I of this section, to sell the property to the highest bidder or convert title of the property to the Oklahoma Department of Corrections after at least five (5) days' notice has been given by

publication in one issue of a legal newspaper of the county. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections shall make a return of the sale and when confirmed by the court, the order confirming the sale shall vest in the purchaser title to the property so purchased. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the money received from the sale shall be disbursed to a revolving fund in the office of the county treasurer of the county wherein the property was seized, said fund to be used as a revolving fund solely for enforcement of controlled dangerous substances laws, drug abuse prevention and drug abuse education. The remaining seventy-five percent (75%) shall be deposited in the Department of Corrections Revolving Fund to be expended for equipment for probation and parole officers and correctional officers.

G. H. Except as provided in subsection A of this section, all other property not otherwise provided for in the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act which has come into the possession of the Office of the Attorney General may be disposed of by order of the district court when no longer needed in connection with any litigation. If the owner of the property is unknown to the Office, the Office shall hold the property for at least six (6) months prior to filing a petition for disposal with the district court, unless the property is perishable. The Office of the Attorney General shall file a petition in the district court of Oklahoma County requesting the authority to conduct a sale of the property or to convert title of the property to the Office of the Attorney General. The Office of the Attorney General shall attach to the petition a list describing the property, including all identifying numbers and marks, if any, the date the property came into the possession of the Office, and the name and address of the owner, if known. The notice of the hearing of the petition for the sale of the property shall be given to every known owner, as set forth in the petition, by certified mail to the last-known address of the owner and party in last possession, if applicable, at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing. The notice shall contain a brief description of the property and the location and date of the hearing. In addition, notice of the hearing shall be posted in three public places in the county, one such place being the county courthouse at the regular place assigned for the posting of legal notices. At the hearing, if no owner appears and establishes ownership of the property, the court may enter an order authorizing the Attorney General to donate the property pursuant to subsection H I of this section, to sell the property to the highest bidder, or convert title of the property to the Office of the Attorney General for the purpose of leasing or transferring the property pursuant to subsection I

I or ~~J~~ K of this section after at least five (5) days' notice has been given by publication in one issue of a legal newspaper of the county. The Attorney General shall make a return of the sale and, when confirmed by the court, the order confirming the sale shall vest in the purchaser title to the property so purchased. The money received from the sale shall be deposited in the Attorney General Law Enforcement Revolving Fund and shall be expended for law enforcement purposes. The Office of the Attorney General may enter into agreements with municipal, county or state agencies to return to such an agency a percentage of proceeds of the sale of any property seized by the agency and forfeited under the provisions of this section.

~~H~~ L. Any property, including but not limited to uncontaminated laboratory equipment used in the processing, manufacturing or compounding of controlled dangerous substances in violation of the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act, upon a court order, may be donated for classroom or laboratory use by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, district attorney, the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, or the Office of the Attorney General to any public secondary school or vocational-technical school in this state or any institution of higher education within The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education.

~~I~~ J. Any vehicle or firearm which has come into the possession and title vested in the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, or the Office of the Attorney General, may be offered for lease to any sheriff's office or police department in this state on an annual basis to assist with the enforcement of the provisions of the Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substances Act. Each agency shall promulgate rules, regulations and procedures for leasing vehicles and firearms. No fully automatic weapons will be subject to the leasing agreement. All firearms leased may be utilized only by C.L.E.E.T. certified officers who have received training in the type and class of weapon leased. Every lessee shall be required to submit an annual report to the leasing agency stating the condition of all leased property. A lease agreement may be renewed annually at the option of the leasing agency. Upon termination of a lease agreement, the property shall be returned to the leasing agency for sale or other

disposition. All funds derived from lease agreements or other disposition of property no longer useful to law enforcement shall be deposited in the agency's revolving fund and shall be expended for law enforcement purposes.

~~J.~~ K. Before disposing of any property pursuant to subsections ~~B C~~ through ~~E F~~ of this section, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control, the Department of Public Safety, the Alcoholic Beverage Laws Enforcement Commission, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Attorney General, or a district attorney shall notify the Department of Corrections and the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education of the identity of any such property in their possession. The Department of Corrections and the State Department of Vocational and Technical Education must respond within ten (10) days of such notification, as to whether or not such property could be used in the operations or training programs of either agency. Upon receipt of the response, the agency or district attorney that issued the notification shall negotiate as to which agency will be entitled to the use of the property, the purpose of the use and the duration of such use. Upon return of the property, the property may be disposed of as otherwise provided in this section. The agencies and any district attorney that are parties to any transfer of property pursuant to this subsection shall enter into written agreements to carry out any such transfer of property. Any such agreement may also provide for the granting of title to any property being transferred as the parties deem appropriate.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 1999.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE, dated 2-16-99 -- DO PASS, As Coauthored.