

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

SENATE BILL 479

By: Stipe

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to roads, bridges and ferries; amending 69 O.S. 1991, Section 1701, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 341, O.S.L. 1999 (69 O.S. Supp 2000, Section 1701), which relates to turnpikes; authorizing the Oklahoma Transportation Authority to select the location of turnpike projects; requiring certain legislative approval; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 1991, Section 1701, as last amended by Section 4, Chapter 341, O.S.L. 1999 (69 O.S. Supp 2000, Section 1701), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1701. In order to facilitate vehicular traffic throughout the state and remove the present handicaps and hazards on the congested highways in the state, and to provide for the construction of modern express highways embodying reasonable safety devices including ample shoulder widths, long sight distances, the bypassing of cities and towns, and grade separations at intersecting highways and railroads, the Oklahoma Transportation Authority, as created in Section 1703 of this title, is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, repair, and operate turnpike projects as defined in Section 1704 of this title, at such locations selected by the Transportation Commission, as shall be and approved by the ~~Transportation Commission and,~~ Legislature.

The Authority is authorized to issue turnpike revenue bonds of the Authority payable solely from revenues to pay the cost of such projects. The Authority is further authorized and empowered to

construct, maintain, repair, and operate inter-modal transportation transfer facilities and infrastructure relating thereto, including, without limitation, warehouses and utility facilities and intercity rail transit projects as it shall determine to be feasible and economically sound.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2001.

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