

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 430

By: Smith of the Senate

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An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 2001, Section 807, which relates to estate taxes; modifying determination of value of gross estate; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 807, is amended to read as follows:

Section 807. A. The value of the gross estate, used as a basis for a determination of the value of the net estate, shall be determined by including:

1. The value, at the time of the death of the decedent, or the alternate valuation as herein authorized, of all property, real, personal, or mixed, whether tangible or intangible, in which the decedent had an interest, whether vested or contingent, within the jurisdiction of this state, and any interest therein, or income therefrom, which shall pass in possession or enjoyment, present or future, by distribution, by statute, descent, devise, bequest, grant, deed, bargain, sale, gift or contract, to any person or persons, associations or corporations, in trust or otherwise, by testamentary disposition or by the laws of inheritance or succession of this or any other state or country, and including the value of the homestead.

However, in determining the value of the gross estate of a nonresident of this state, there shall be excluded all intangible personal property, except intangible personal property required to be included in such gross estate and subjected to tax under paragraph 7 of this subsection, if:

- a. the transferor at the time of the transfer was a resident of a state or territory of the United States, or of any foreign country, which at the time of the transfer did not impose a transfer tax or death tax of any character in respect of personal property of residents of this state, except tangible personal property having an actual situs in such state or territory or foreign country, or

b. the laws of the state, territory or country of residence of the transferor at the time of the transfer contained a reciprocal exemption provision under which nonresidents were exempted from transfer taxes or death taxes of every character in respect to personal property, except tangible personal property having an actual situs therein, provided the state, territory or country of residence of such nonresident allowed a similar exemption to residents of the state, territory or country of residence of such transferor. For the purpose of this subsection the District of Columbia and possessions of the United States shall be considered territories of the United States-;

2. Except as provided in this paragraph, the value of any real or personal property, including the homestead passing by deed, grant, bargain, sale or gift made in contemplation of death of the grantor, vendor, or donor, or intended to take effect in possession or enjoyment at or after the death of the decedent. Any transfer made by the decedent of a material part of the estate of the decedent within three (3) years prior to death, without an equivalent in monetary consideration, shall, unless shown to the contrary, be deemed to have been in contemplation of death, and such transfers shall be included at their net value at the date of decedent's death. This Except as to gifts with respect to a life insurance policy, this paragraph shall not apply to any gift to a donee, excepting gifts with respect to a life insurance policy, made during the calendar year if the decedent was not required to file any federal gift tax return for such year with respect to gifts to such donee. that portion of a gift which is properly excluded from the decedent's federal taxable gifts or which is treated as a federal taxable gift of the decedent only because the decedent consented to have a gift made by his or her spouse treated as made one-half by the decedent;

3. To the extent of any interest therein of which the decedent has, at any time, made a transfer, in trust or otherwise, where the enjoyment thereof was subject, at the date of the death of the decedent, to any change through the exercise of a power, either by the decedent alone or in conjunction with any person, to alter, amend or revoke the terms of such trust, or where the decedent relinquished any such power in contemplation of death, or where the decedent reserved to the decedent during the life of the decedent the income from the property included in any such transfer; and to the extent of any interest in property in which the decedent donee has released a general power of appointment in contemplation of the death of the decedent, whether or not the decedent had previously transferred such property-;

4. To the extent of the value of any interest of the decedent in any property owned by the decedent and any other person as joint tenants, or tenants by the entirety, including funds or securities deposited with any person, corporation, bank or trust company or held in any safety box kept by the beneficiary or joint survivor, except such part of the property or deposit as may be shown to have originally belonged to such other person and never to have been acquired by the latter from the decedent for less than an adequate

and full consideration in money or money's worth. Persons claiming to own an interest with the decedent in any property, real or personal, included in the taxable estate of the decedent must support said claim by adequate proof, showing the value of claimant's interest contributed in money or money's worth from separate funds or properties, and provided that a sworn affidavit setting forth the facts supporting such claims shall be considered prima facie evidence of adequate proof;

5. To the extent of the total amount of the proceeds of insurance payable or accruing to the decedent's estate by virtue of policies upon the life of the decedent or the annuities, cash surrender values or options held in life insurance policies upon the lives of others;

6. ~~a.~~ To the extent of the amount receivable directly, in trust, or as annuities by all other beneficiaries, or under a joint policy by the survivor, of the proceeds of life insurance, by virtue of policies taken out on the life of the decedent and in which, at the time of death, the decedent had the right, directly or indirectly, to change the beneficiary or to convert the policy to decedent's own use, or in which the decedent possessed any other incidents of ownership, exercisable either alone or in conjunction with any other person.
- ~~b.~~ This ~~article~~ section shall not operate to include as a taxable asset any interest in any policy or contract of insurance, wherein the insured survives such spouse or beneficiary, belonging to any deceased spouse as such, or to any deceased spouse as beneficiary, or to any deceased beneficiary, claimed or existing on account of payment of premiums from funds of any beneficiary.
- ~~c.~~ Each and every insurance company, association or other institution which has outstanding on the life of a deceased resident of this state policies of insurance in an aggregate amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) or more, immediately upon being notified of the death of the insured, shall file with the Oklahoma Tax Commission an information return containing complete information pertaining to such insurance, including any information on file with the reporting insurer concerning policies of insurance issued by other insurers on the life of the decedent. Notwithstanding any provisions of this or other sections, no insurer shall be liable for any part of the tax levied by Section 801 et seq. of this article title, and no insurer shall be required to retain any portion of the proceeds of a policy.
- ~~d.~~ The provisions of this section and of Section 801 et seq. of this article title shall not apply to the value of an annuity or other payment receivable by any beneficiary under:

- ~~(1)~~ a. an employees' trust, or under a contract purchased by an employees' trust, forming a part of a pension, stock bonus, or profit-sharing plan, where said trust was created for the exclusive benefit of the employee members or their beneficiaries and said purpose had not been altered at the time of the decedent's separation from employment, whether by death or otherwise, or at the time of termination of the plan if earlier, and was a plan described in Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended,
- ~~(2)~~ b. a retirement annuity contract purchased by an employer, and not by an employees' trust, pursuant to a plan which, at the time of decedent's separation from employment, by death or otherwise, or at the time of termination of the plan if earlier, was a plan described in Section 403(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or
- ~~(3)~~ c. A a retirement annuity contract purchased for an employee by an employer which is an organization referred to in subsection A of Section 2359 of this title, and which is exempt from tax.

If such amounts payable after the death of the decedent under a plan described in ~~division (1) or (2)~~ subparagraph a or b of this ~~subparagraph~~ paragraph, under a contract described in ~~division (3)~~ subparagraph c of this ~~subparagraph~~ paragraph, are attributable to any extent to payments or contributions made by the decedent, no exclusion shall be allowed for that part of the value of such amounts in the proportion that the total payments or contributions made by the decedent bear to the total payments or contributions, except that all amounts payable to a surviving spouse shall not be included in the decedent's estate. For purposes of this subsection, contributions or payments made by the decedent's employer or former employer under a trust or plan described in ~~division (1) or (2)~~ subparagraph a or b of this ~~subparagraph~~ paragraph shall not be considered to be contributed by the decedent, and contributions or payments made by the decedent's employer or former employer toward the purchase of an annuity contract described in ~~division (3)~~ subparagraph c of this ~~subparagraph~~ paragraph shall, to the extent excludable from gross income under Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, not be considered to be contributed by the decedent-;

7. To the extent of the interest of any decedent, who at the time of death was a nonresident of the State of Oklahoma, in any intangible personal property which is used in connection with any established business, having a business situs in this state including, the interest of such nonresident in a partnership the business of which is conducted in the state or the majority of assets of which are located in this state. None of the intangible

personal property subject to tax under this paragraph shall be exempt under the provisions for reciprocity in paragraph 1 of subsection A of this section. No property exempted by paragraph 6 of this subsection shall be subject to tax by reason of this ~~paragraph;~~

8. If a decedent bequeaths property to one or more executors or trustees in lieu of their commissions or allowance or in any amount exceeding the commission or allowance prescribed by law, the excess in value of the property so bequeathed over the amount prescribed by law ~~is taxable and must be included as a part of the gross estate.;~~ and

9. To the extent of the value of any interest in property within the jurisdiction of this state, over which the decedent at the time of the death of the decedent had possessed a "general power of appointment". A "general power of appointment" as used herein is restricted to one which is exercisable in favor of the decedent, the estate of the decedent, creditors of the decedent, or the creditors of the estate of the decedent.

B. In determining the value of the gross estate under this section, ~~there shall be excluded:~~

~~1. The~~ the value of any interest in decedent's estate, beneficial or otherwise, vesting in the surviving spouse, provided that the value of such interest shall be included for the purpose of computing additional tax liability under Section 804 of this title.

~~2. Such exclusion under paragraph 1 of this subsection shall be limited to that value of the gross estate, beneficial or otherwise, vesting in the surviving spouse, less debts, mortgages, liens, administration charges or other encumbrances chargeable against the value of the gross estate so vested.~~

C. The gross value of the estate shall not be diminished by:

~~1. Any~~ any transfers due to the claim of any creditor against the estate arising from a contract payable by its terms at or after the death of the decedent, except insofar as it may be affirmatively shown by competent evidence that such claim was legally due and payable in the lifetime of the decedent or was supported by a consideration of equivalent monetary value; and the forgiveness of any debt or the surrender of any right in any contract or chose in action upon the death of the decedent shall be deemed a transfer to the extent of the value or interest of the decedent therein at the time of death.

~~2. The deduction of any right of dower or curtesy claimed or passing under the laws of any other state, territory or foreign country, and the ownership of property, devolution, and succession thereto, the construction of wills, deeds, or transfers of both real and personal property within this state, the taxable situs thereof and the domicile of the decedent shall be governed by the laws of this state for the purposes of Section 801 et seq. of this ~~article~~ title.~~

D. The term "tangible property," as used in Section 801 et seq. of this article title, means and includes all corporeal property such as real estate, goods, wares and merchandise, or any interest therein, or income therefrom. The term "real estate" includes any royalty, ground rental, leasehold interest or income therefrom. The terms "goods, wares, and merchandise" means and includes all property, real, personal or mixed, situated within the State of Oklahoma or within its jurisdiction. The term "intangible property," as used herein, means and includes all incorporeal property other than that named as tangible.

E. Whenever the property within this state of a resident or nonresident decedent is not specifically bequeathed or devised, such property, including all transfers under a residuary clause, shall for the purpose of Section 801 et seq. of this article title be deemed to be transferred proportionally to and divided pro rata among all the general legatees and devisees named in the will.

F. There shall be exempt from payment of tax hereunder any estate, the total net value of which, within the State of Oklahoma, does not exceed the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2003.

Passed the Senate the 29th day of May, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 29th day of May, 2003.

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