

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 635

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to poor persons; amending 56 O.S. 2001, Section 189a, which relates to facilities of the Department of Human Services; authorizing the Department to enter into lease-purchase agreements for specified purpose; exempting local units of the Department from certain Act; repealing Section 3, Chapter 278, O.S.L. 2001, which relates to specified lease-purchase agreements; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 56 O.S. 2001, Section 189a, is amended to read as follows:

Section 189a. A. 1. The board of county commissioners in each county shall furnish quarters for the local units of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Such quarters shall be located in the county courthouse or other suitable building in the county seat and shall be furnished with light, heat and water and adequate toilet facilities. The county excise board shall provide adequate appropriations to enable the county commissioners to comply with the provisions of this subsection.

2. If no suitable quarters or adequate facilities are available in the county courthouse or in the county seat, facilities shall be furnished and supplied in the city or town in the county, but not the county seat thereof, having the greatest population.

3. The Department may enter into an agreement with the board of county commissioners for financial participation, by the Department, in the payment of rent on space leased for use by the Department, or in the cost of repairs of buildings or space used by the Department, or the cost of janitorial services and utility services, if the

Oklahoma Commission for Human Services determines that such payment is necessary for adequate space for units of the Department and that monies for such purpose are available without detriment to programs administered by the Department.

B. 1. If the Commission for Human Services determines that adequate or suitable quarters, office space or facilities for the local units of the Department are not obtainable, the Department may enter into an agreement with the board of county commissioners of the county, or with any state agency or public trust, for the construction or renovation of a building or buildings where local units of the Department may have quarters, office space or facilities; or may enter into a lease agreement for the rental of space and facilities in a building or buildings constructed or renovated by the county, or a state agency, public trust or building authority, for the purpose of providing office space to the Department or any other public agency or agencies.

2. The Department shall not enter into any agreement under the provisions of this subsection unless federal financial participation is obtainable. All such agreements shall contain provisions as to financial participation therein by the parties to the agreement, payments to be made for the use or occupancy of the office space and facilities, and ownership of the building or buildings after payment of the cost of construction or renovation thereof has been completed, consistent with the requirements necessary for the Department to obtain or receive federal funds for such purpose.

C. If the Commission for Human Services determines that adequate or suitable quarters, office space or facilities for local units of the Department are not obtainable from the board of county commissioners of the county, or from any state agency or public trust or building authority pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of this section, the Commission may enter into a lease agreement for the rental of space and facilities in a building or buildings

owned or operated by a private vendor for the purpose of providing such quarters, office space or facilities.

D. The Commission for Human Services is authorized to enter into agreements necessary to establish and determine the location of a North Tulsa field office if the Commission determines that state office space available through the Department of Central Services in Tulsa County is not appropriate and adequate to offer accessible and comprehensive services to clients of the Department of Human Services from North Tulsa County and Southern Osage County communities.

E. If the Commission for Human Services determines that adequate or suitable quarters, office space or facilities for local units of the Department are not obtainable by lease agreement from the board of county commissioners of the county, from any state agency or public trust or building authority, or from a private vendor, the Commission for Human Services may acquire real property for such local units by lease-purchase agreement. ~~Any such lease-purchase shall be explicitly authorized by the Legislature by concurrent resolution, or by legislation enacted for the purpose of authorizing the Commission for Human Services~~ The Department is further authorized to enter into such lease-purchase agreements. ~~Legislative authorization shall constitute legal authorization for this state to enter into such lease-purchase agreements to construct or renovate adequate or suitable quarters, office space or facilities needed by the Department. Local units of the Department shall be exempt from the provisions of the Oklahoma Art in Public Places Act.~~

SECTION 2. REPEALER Section 3, Chapter 278, O.S.L. 2001, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.