

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Committee Substitute for
ENGROSSED
Senate Bill No. 1696

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1696 - By: BASS of the Senate and DEWITT, DORMAN AND JETT of the House.

An Act relating to the Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Program; authorizing the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to create program; stating purpose; authorizing Commission to promulgate rules; creating the Oklahoma Conservation Commission Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Revolving Fund; stating procedures for expenditures; stating purposes; limiting expenses for administration; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
2 Statutes as Section 3-3-501 of Title 27A, unless there is created a duplication in
3 numbering, reads as follows:

4 A. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission is hereby authorized to establish and
5 administer the Oklahoma Conservation Commission Municipal Infrastructure Cost-
6 Share Program as funds become available and otherwise appropriated. The Oklahoma
7 Conservation Commission Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Program shall provide
8 monies to eligible communities and rural water districts for the purpose of implementing
9 conservation or best management practices on such eligible land pursuant to priority

1 watershed work or Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) work, or
2 watershed rehabilitation or watershed operation and maintenance work in accordance to
3 rules promulgated by the Commission.

4 B. The Commission shall promulgate rules as necessary to implement the
5 provisions of this act.

6 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma
7 Statutes as Section 3-3-502 of Title 27A, unless there is created a duplication in
8 numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma
10 Conservation Commission to be designated the “Oklahoma Conservation Commission
11 Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Revolving Fund”.

12 B. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and
13 shall consist of all monies received by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission in the
14 form of gifts, grants, reimbursements, donations, industry contributions, state
15 appropriations, funds allocated by federal agencies for cost-share programs and such
16 other monies specifically designated for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission
17 Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Program. All monies accruing to the credit of said
18 fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Commission for
19 the Municipal Infrastructure Conservation Cost-Share Program; and interest
20 attributable to investment of money in the Oklahoma Conservation Commission
21 Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Revolving Fund.

1 C. All donations or other proceeds received by the Commission pursuant to the
2 provisions of this section shall be deposited with the State Treasurer to be credited to the
3 Oklahoma Conservation Commission Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Revolving
4 Fund. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State
5 Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for
6 approval and payment.

7 D. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may
8 be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission for the purpose of
9 matching municipal or rural water district funds for the rehabilitation of watershed
10 dams and for the Conservation Cost-Share Program and the Conservation Reserve
11 Enhancement Program pursuant to the Oklahoma Conservation Commission Municipal
12 Infrastructure Cost-Share Program.

13 E. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State
14 Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for
15 approval and payment.

16 F. No more than five percent (5%) of the monies in the fund shall be used for the
17 payment of administrative expenses, salary or any other continuing obligation of the
18 Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

20 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public
21 peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof
22 this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

1 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET,
2 dated 04-09-08 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.