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THE STATE SENATE
Monday, February 25, 2008

Senate Bill No. 1696
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 1696 - By: BASS of the Senate and DeWITT of the House.

[Oklahoma Conservation Commission Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Revolving Fund - codification - effective date - emergency]

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

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

A. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission is hereby authorized to establish and administer the Oklahoma Conservation Commission Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Program as funds become available and otherwise appropriated. The Oklahoma Conservation Commission Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Program shall provide monies to eligible communities and rural water districts for the purpose of implementing conservation or best management practices on such eligible land pursuant to priority watershed work or Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) work, or watershed rehabilitation or watershed operation and maintenance work in accordance to rules promulgated by the Commission.

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

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

6 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
7 fund for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission to be designated the
8 "Oklahoma Conservation Commission Municipal Infrastructure Cost-
9 Share Revolving Fund".

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

22 C. All donations or other proceeds received by the Commission
23 pursuant to the provisions of this section shall be deposited with

1 the State Treasurer to be credited to the Oklahoma Conservation
2 Commission Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Share Revolving Fund.
3 Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the
4 State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the
5 Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

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

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

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

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

21 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 2-20-08 - DO
4 PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.