

SB 275

3 Senate Bill No. 275
4 As Amended

5 SENATE BILL NO. 275 - By: Corn of the Senate and Renegar of the
6 House.

7 [technology center school districts - requiring State Board
8 of Career and Technology Education to promulgate rules -
9 effective date -
10 emergency]

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 14-108, as
13 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 50, O.S.L. 2003 (70 O.S. Supp.
14 2008, Section 14-108), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 14-108. A. The State Board of Career and Technology
16 Education shall prescribe criteria and procedures for the
17 establishment and governance of technology center school districts,
18 as provided by Section 9B, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, and
19 such districts so established shall be operated in accordance with
20 rules of the State Board of Career and Technology Education, except
21 as otherwise provided in this title.

22 B. A technology center school district shall be a body
23 corporate and shall possess the usual powers of a corporation for
24 public purposes. Its official name shall be designated by the State
25 Board of Career and Technology Education, in which name it may sue

1 and be sued, and be capable of contracting and being contracted
2 with, and holding real and personal estate.

3 ~~Its~~ C. The governing board of a technology center school
4 district shall be a board of education consisting of not less than
5 five (5) nor more than seven (7) members elected in a manner
6 prescribed by the. The territory of each technology center school
7 district shall be divided into district zones by the State Board of
8 Career and Technology Education. Between August 1 and December 31
9 of the year following the submission by the United States Department
10 of Commerce to the President of the United States of the official
11 Federal Decennial Census, the Board shall reapportion the territory
12 of each technology center school district into district zones. All
13 boundaries of district zones shall follow clearly visible,
14 definable, and observable physical boundaries which are based upon
15 criteria established and recognized by the Bureau of the Census of
16 the United States Department of Commerce for purposes of defining
17 census blocks for its decennial census and shall follow, as much as
18 possible, precinct boundaries. District zones shall be compact,
19 contiguous and shall be as equal in population as practical with not
20 more than a **five-percent** variance between the most populous and
21 least populous district zones. The board of education of a
22 technology center school district shall consist of one member
23 elected from each of the district zones of the school district

1 created pursuant to this subsection. The electors of each district
2 zone shall elect a person, who is a resident of the district zone,
3 to represent the district zone on the school board. If during the
4 term of office to which a person was elected, that member ceases to
5 be a resident of the district zone for which the person was elected,
6 the office shall become vacant and the vacancy shall be filled as
7 provided in Section 13A-110 of Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
8 The State Board of Career and Technology Education shall promulgate
9 rules prescribing the manner in which the elections required by this
10 subsection are held.

11 ~~Such~~ D. The board of education of a technology center school
12 district shall have the same powers and duties that boards of
13 education of independent school districts have. It may require
14 nonresident students to pay reasonable tuition fees, which may be
15 paid for a student by the independent or elementary school district
16 in which the student resides.

17 ~~C.~~ E. An election to vote on the question of making a levy of
18 not to exceed five (5) mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable
19 property in a technology center school district under the provisions
20 of subsection A, Section 9B, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, shall
21 be called by the board of education and conducted by the county
22 election board of such district in the same manner that elections
23 for emergency levies in school districts under the provisions of

1 Section 9(d), Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, are called and
2 conducted. When such levy is approved by a majority of the electors
3 of the technology center school district voting on the question at
4 such election, the levy shall be made each fiscal year thereafter
5 until repealed by a majority of the electors of the district voting
6 on the question at an election called for such purpose. An election
7 to vote on the question of making a local incentive levy of not to
8 exceed five (5) mills on the dollar valuation of the taxable
9 property in a technology center school district under the provisions
10 of subsection B of Section 9B of Article X of the Oklahoma
11 Constitution, may be called by the board of education; and elections
12 on a levy for a building fund for an area school district under the
13 provisions of Section 10, Article X, Oklahoma Constitution, shall be
14 called by the board of education of such district and conducted by
15 the county election board in the same manner that elections for
16 similar levies are called and conducted in independent school
17 districts.

18 ~~D.~~ F. Annual estimates of needs of technology center school
19 districts shall be made and approved in the same manner that those
20 of independent school districts are made and approved. Provided,
21 that the State Board of Career and Technology Education shall
22 prescribe a list of appropriation accounts by which the funds of
23 technology center school districts shall be budgeted, accounted for

1 and expended. Any such estimate of needs may include an estimate of
2 federal funds as probable income from sources other than ad valorem
3 tax of the district and other than any excise or other tax assessed
4 by legislative enactment and distributed in lieu of ad valorem
5 taxes. If a technology center school district lies in more than one
6 county, the district's estimate of needs shall be filed with and
7 approved by the county excise board of the county designated by the
8 school district board of education.

9 E- G. Territory may be annexed to or detached from a technology
10 center school district, in accordance with rules prescribed by the
11 State Board of Career and Technology Education. If the State Board
12 of Career and Technology Education requires the submission of a
13 petition in order for an election to be called for the purpose of
14 annexation or deannexation of territory to a technology center
15 school district, such petition shall not be required to bear a
16 number of technology center school district electors' signatures
17 which exceed fifty percent (50%) of the number of technology center
18 school district electors who voted in the last school board election
19 in the territory proposed to be annexed or deannexed. Provided, the
20 period of time from which the petition is initiated to its time of
21 filing with the State Board shall not exceed ninety (90) days.

1 ~~F.~~ H. Schools of technology center school districts shall be
2 subject to classification, inspection and accreditation by the State
3 Board of Education.

4 ~~G.~~ I. The technology center school board of education may
5 designate a county treasurer to serve as treasurer of the school
6 district or may appoint an independent treasurer.

7 ~~H.~~ J. Within four (4) years after the creation of a technology
8 center school district, such school district may, at its discretion,
9 permit a teacher to transfer any or all accrued benefits upon
10 employment including credit for years of service in the previous
11 school district by the technology center school district, if the
12 teacher at the time of hiring is employed as a teacher by an
13 independent or elementary school district which is all or partly
14 within the boundaries of the technology center school district or is
15 employed as a teacher in a skills center within the boundaries of
16 the school district.

17 ~~I.~~ K. The board of education of a technology center school
18 district may convey personal property without consideration to a
19 school district that is within the boundary of the technology center
20 school district or a public school offering secondary level
21 education which was created and is operated by the State of Oklahoma
22 and that is within the boundary of the technology center school
23 district.

1 ~~J.~~ L. The board of education of a technology center school
2 district may, without prior approval of the State Board of Career
3 and Technology Education, approve all plans and specifications for
4 technology center school buildings, additions, and major
5 modifications to school buildings that are designed to provide for
6 the offering of vocational-technical education programs and services
7 when the cost of the building project is to be paid with local
8 levies or state bond monies or both local levies and state bond
9 monies.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2009.

11 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
12 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, dated 2-2-09 - DO PASS,
16 As Amended and Coauthored.