

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2796

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public finance; requiring revision
8 of certain revenue estimates under specified
9 circumstances; prescribing requirements for
10 methodology of revenue estimates; requiring revised
11 estimates to be provided to the Governor, the Speaker
12 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the
13 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;
14 requiring development of long-range revenue
15 forecasting; imposing duties upon the State Board of
16 Equalization; creating the Oklahoma Revenue
17 Forecasting Board; providing for membership; imposing
18 duties on Board; providing for codification;
19 providing an effective date; and declaring an
20 emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
23 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 34.2A of Title 62, unless there
24 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. If the Director of the Office of State Finance declares a
revenue shortfall pursuant to the Oklahoma State Finance Act or in
the absence of such a declaration if the Office of State Finance
reduces agency allocations pursuant to Section 34.49 of Title 62 of
the Oklahoma Statutes, the Office of State Finance shall provide a

1 revised estimate of the revenues expected to accrue for the
2 remainder of the fiscal year if such declaration or allocation
3 reduction occurs earlier than the last day of the tenth month of the
4 fiscal year.

5 B. Unless the Director of the Office of State Finance
6 determines that a different methodology is required to improve the
7 accuracy of the revised estimate, the revised revenue estimate shall
8 be prepared using the same methodology used to prepare the
9 information used by the State Board of Equalization for the estimate
10 of revenues submitted to the Legislature during the month of
11 February as provided by Section 23 of Article X of the Oklahoma
12 Constitution and shall be transmitted to the Governor, the Speaker
13 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro
14 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate not later than thirty (30) days
15 after the declaration of a revenue shortfall or the first reduction
16 in agency budget allocation.

17 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 34.2B of Title 62, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. The Office of State Finance and the Oklahoma Tax Commission
21 shall develop a long-range revenue forecast when submitting
22 information for use by the State Board of Equalization. The long-
23 range revenue forecast shall cover a period of at least five (5)

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1 years, but shall not be required to cover a period in excess of ten
2 (10) years.

3 B. The State Board of Equalization shall, in addition to the
4 revenue estimate required pursuant to Section 23 of Article X of the
5 Oklahoma Constitution, prepare and release a revenue estimate for
6 the two (2) fiscal years immediately following the fiscal year for
7 which it prepares the estimate required by Section 23 of Article X
8 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

9 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
10 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 34.2C of Title 62, unless there
11 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

12 A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Revenue Forecasting
13 Board.

14 B. The Board shall consist of:

15 1. The Director of the Office of State Finance;

16 2. The Director of the fiscal staff of the Oklahoma House of
17 Representatives;

18 3. The Director of the fiscal staff of the Oklahoma State
19 Senate;

20 4. One member of the Oklahoma Tax Commission; and

21 5. Two economists with expertise in econometric modeling and
22 the use of such modeling techniques in the development of revenue
23 estimates for use by state government. One economist shall be
24 selected by the board of regents for the University of Oklahoma from

1 a member of that faculty and one economist shall be selected by the
2 board of regents for Oklahoma State University from a member of that
3 faculty.

4 C. The Oklahoma Revenue Forecasting Board shall provide
5 technical advice and assistance to the Office of State Finance, the
6 Oklahoma Tax Commission and the State Board of Equalization in the
7 preparation of revenue estimates required pursuant to Section 23 of
8 Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution and pursuant to the
9 provisions of this act.

10 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2010.

11 SECTION 5. 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.

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