

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1053

By: Coates of the Senate
and
Newell of the House

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7 [public building - surety bonds - certain public and
8 private projects - effective date -
9 emergency]
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11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 61 O.S. 2011, Section 1, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 1. A. Prior to an award of a contract exceeding Fifty
15 Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for construction or repair of a public
16 or private building ~~or~~ , structure, or improvement ~~to~~ on public real
17 property, the person that receives the award shall:

18 1. Furnish a bond with good and sufficient sureties payable to
19 the state in a sum not less than the total sum of the contract; or

20 2. Cause an irrevocable letter of credit, containing terms the
21 Department of Central Services prescribes, to be issued for the
22 benefit of the state by a financial institution insured by the
23 Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in a sum not less than the
24 total sum of the contract.

1 B. The bond or irrevocable letter of credit shall ensure the
2 proper and prompt completion of the work in accordance with the
3 contract and shall ensure that the contractor shall pay all
4 indebtedness the contractor incurs for the contractor's
5 subcontractors and all suppliers of labor, material, rental of
6 machinery or equipment, and repair of and parts for equipment the
7 contract requires the contractor to furnish.

8 C. For a contract not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars
9 (\$50,000.00), in lieu of a bond or irrevocable letter of credit, the
10 contractor shall submit an affidavit of the payment of all
11 indebtedness incurred by the contractor, the contractor's
12 subcontractors, and all suppliers of labor, material, rented
13 machinery or equipment, and repair of and parts for equipment used
14 or consumed in the performance of the contract. The execution of
15 the affidavit with knowledge that any of the contents of the
16 affidavit are false, upon conviction, shall constitute perjury,
17 punishable as provided for by law.

18 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 61 O.S. 2011, Section 2, is
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 2. A. Bonds shall be filed in the office of the
21 agency, institution, department, commission, municipality or
22 government instrumentality that is authorized by law and does enter
23 into contracts for the construction of public or private
24 improvements or buildings, or repairs to the same, or provides

1 improvements or buildings, or repairs to the same; and the officer
2 with whom the bond is filed shall furnish a copy thereof to any
3 person claiming any rights thereunder. Any person to whom there is
4 due any sum for labor, material or repair to machinery or equipment,
5 furnished as stated in Section 1 of this title, the heirs or assigns
6 of such person, may bring an action on the bond for the recovery of
7 the indebtedness, provided that no action shall be brought on the
8 bond after one (1) year from the day on which the last of the labor
9 was performed or material or parts furnished for which the claim is
10 made.

11 B. Any person having direct contractual relationship with a
12 subcontractor, regardless of tier, performing work on the contract,
13 but no contractual relationship express or implied with the
14 contractor furnishing the payment bond, shall have a right of action
15 upon the payment bond only upon giving written notice to the
16 contractor and surety on the payment bond within ninety (90) days
17 from the date on which such person did or performed the last of the
18 labor or furnished or supplied the last of the material or parts for
19 which the claim is made, stating with substantial accuracy the
20 amount claimed and the name of the party to whom the material or
21 parts were furnished or supplied or for whom the labor was done or
22 performed. The notice shall be served by mailing the same by
23 registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope
24 addressed to the contractor at any place the contractor maintains an

1 office or conducts business, together with a copy thereof to the
2 surety or sureties on the payment bond.

3 C. 1. The bond or irrevocable letter of credit issued to the
4 ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Transportation or the Oklahoma Turnpike
5 Authority, pursuant to this section, shall also provide that the
6 contractor shall pay all state and local taxes accruing as a result
7 of the contract, any liquidated damages as provided by the contract
8 and any overpayment of progressive estimates resulting in a balance
9 due and owing the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Transportation or the
10 Oklahoma Turnpike Authority.

11 2. A claim against the bond or irrevocable letter of credit for
12 delinquent taxes shall be made by the public entity to which the tax
13 was payable. The claim shall be made within six (6) months from the
14 date on which the tax became delinquent. Notice of the delinquent
15 tax shall be sent by certified mail to the surety, and a copy of the
16 notice shall be sent to the contractor. Nothing in this paragraph
17 shall be construed to release, at any time, the contractor from
18 responsibility for full payment of all taxes.

19 3. A claim against the bond or irrevocable letter of credit for
20 overpayment on progressive estimates shall be made by the public
21 entity within one (1) year from the date of final acceptance of the
22 project. Notice of the overpayment shall be sent by certified mail
23 to the surety and a copy of the notice shall be sent to the
24 contractor. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as to

1 release, at any time, the contractor from the responsibility of
2 refunding any amount overpaid on progressive estimates which are due
3 and owing the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Transportation.

4 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2012.

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

9 Passed the Senate the 12th day of March, 2012.

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12 Presiding Officer of the Senate

13 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
14 2012.

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