

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 241

By: Branan of the Senate

and

Sanders, Walker, Roberts
(Dustin) and Roan of the
House

An Act relating to county roads and bridges; amending 69 O.S. 2001, Section 662, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 256, O.S.L. 2010 (69 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 662), which relates to the County Bridge and Road Improvement Act; modifying certain payment procedures; and stating criteria for payment from certain fund.

SUBJECT: County Bridge and Road Improvement Act

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2001, Section 662, as last amended by Section 9, Chapter 256, O.S.L. 2010 (69 O.S. Supp. 2010, Section 662), is amended to read as follows:

Section 662. A. A professional engineer registered by the State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors pursuant to Section 475.1 et seq. of Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes, shall approve projects that may be awarded to contractors by the boards of county commissioners, Transportation Commission or by other federal or state agencies under their normal competitive bidding procedures, excluding prequalification of bidders. A "county-built" project may be a road or bridge in whole or in part built with its own county forces or entirely let to contract, but all costs associated are ~~reimbursable~~ payable.

~~B. When a county built bridge has been inspected and achieves a load rating of H. twenty three (23) tons or greater, the board of county commissioners may be reimbursed. The county shall receive reimbursement for all costs claimed relating to the construction of the bridge provided the inspection report indicates that the county has met or exceeded the criteria set forth in this section. County-built bridges eligible for reimbursement from using the County Bridge and Road Improvement Fund shall meet or exceed the following criteria:~~

1. The bridge has been built according to the current edition of the County Bridge Standards manual or from field notes drawn by a registered professional engineer that provide the basic structural requirements to achieve a load rating of H. twenty-three (23) tons or greater. Field notes may be handwritten specifications or sketches which have been stamped or signed;

2. The finished bridge shall achieve a twenty-three-ton or greater rating. The rating criteria shall be determined by the National Bridge Inventory and approved by the Department of Transportation for bridges twenty (20) feet or more in length;

3. The subsurface foundation of the bridge shall meet the minimum guidelines established by using approved engineering methods, details of which shall be kept as shop notes;

4. The finished bridge shall have a minimum roadway width of twenty-four (24) feet; and

5. Materials used in the construction of the bridge shall meet or exceed the specifications for materials as specified in the current edition of the County Bridge Standards or certified in writing by the engineer or supplier.

C. Prior to construction of the bridge, a county may request that construction supervision be provided by the Circuit Engineering District of which the county is a member to ensure quality control and quality assurance.

Passed the Senate the 15th day of March, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of April, 2011.

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of Representatives