

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1533

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to public finance; amending 62 O.S.  
8 2001, Section 7.10, as last amended by Section 47,  
9 Chapter 441, O.S.L. 2009, and as renumbered by  
10 Section 64, Chapter 441, O.S.L. 2009 (62 O.S. Supp.  
11 2010, Section 34.70), which relates to voluntary  
12 payroll deductions; modifying date related to certain  
13 eligible statewide associations; and declaring an  
14 emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2001, Section 7.10, as  
17 last amended by Section 47, Chapter 441, O.S.L. 2009, and as  
18 renumbered by Section 64, Chapter 441, O.S.L. 2009 (62 O.S. Supp.  
19 2010, Section 34.70), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 34.70 A. 1. Upon the request of a state employee, a  
21 state agency shall make voluntary payroll deductions for the  
22 employee to any credit union, bank, or savings association having an  
23 office in this state.

24 2. If the governing body of any county, municipality, or school  
district provides for voluntary payroll deductions to a credit union

1 serving the employees of the county, municipality, or school  
2 district, it shall provide voluntary payroll deductions to any  
3 credit union, bank, or savings association having an office in this  
4 state which has a minimum participation of twenty percent (20%) of  
5 the employees of the county, municipality, or school district.

6 B. Upon the request of a state employee and pursuant to  
7 procedures established by the Administrator of the Office of  
8 Personnel Management, a state agency shall make payroll deductions  
9 for:

10 1. The payment of any insurance premiums due a private  
11 insurance organization with a minimum participation of five hundred  
12 (500) state employees for life, accident, and health insurance which  
13 is supplemental to that provided for by the state;

14 2. The payment of any insurance premiums due a private  
15 insurance organization or service company which is regulated by the  
16 State Insurance Commissioner and with a minimum participation of  
17 five hundred (500) state employees for legal services;

18 3. Premiums or payments for retirement plans with a minimum  
19 participation of five hundred (500) state employees for retirement  
20 plans which are supplemental to that provided for by the state;

21 4. Salary adjustment agreements included in a flexible benefits  
22 plan as authorized by the State Employees Flexible Benefits Act;

23 5. Membership dues utilized for benefits, goods or services  
24 provided by the Oklahoma Public Employees Association to the

1 organization's membership or any other statewide association limited  
2 to state employee membership with a minimum membership of two  
3 thousand (2,000) dues-paying members. For purposes of this  
4 paragraph, state agencies shall accept online or electronically  
5 submitted forms from the Oklahoma Public Employees Association and  
6 other state employee associations. The Office of Personnel  
7 Management shall develop and implement a verification process for  
8 online or electronically submitted forms which may include the use  
9 of electronic signature technology or other process as determined  
10 appropriate;

11 6. Contributions to any foundation organized pursuant to 26  
12 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3) of the Oklahoma Public Employees  
13 Association or any other statewide association limited to state  
14 employee membership with a minimum membership of two thousand  
15 (2,000) dues-paying members;

16 7. Payments to a college savings account administered under the  
17 Oklahoma College Savings Plan Act pursuant to Section 3970.1 et seq.  
18 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

19 8. Subscriptions to the Oklahoma Today magazine published by  
20 the State of Oklahoma through the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
21 Department; and

22 9. The payment of any insurance premiums due a private  
23 insurance organization, which is regulated by the State Insurance  
24 Commission, for an Oklahoma Long-Term Care Partnership Program

1 approved policy pursuant to the Oklahoma Long-Term Care Partnership  
2 Act.

3 C. The administrative costs of processing payroll deductions or  
4 administering salary adjustment agreements for insurance premiums as  
5 provided for in subsection B of this section shall be a charge of  
6 two percent (2%) of the gross annual premiums for insurance plans.  
7 The administrative costs of processing payroll deductions or  
8 administering salary adjustment agreements for payments for  
9 retirement plans as provided for in subsection B of this section  
10 shall be one percent (1%) of the gross annual payments for  
11 retirement plans. These charges shall be collected monthly from the  
12 private insurance or retirement plan organization by the Office of  
13 Personnel Management and shall be deposited to the credit of the  
14 General Revenue Fund. Provided that these costs shall not be  
15 collected from state employees or state agencies unless otherwise  
16 directed in the Oklahoma State Finance Act.

17 D. Any statewide association granted a payroll deduction prior  
18 to January 1, ~~2008~~ 2010, shall be exempt from the minimum state  
19 employee membership requirement.

20 E. Approval of a payroll deduction or salary adjustment  
21 agreement for any insurance organization, line of coverage or policy  
22 shall not be construed as an assumption of liability, for the term  
23 of policy or the performance of the insurance organization, by this  
24 state, or any of its agencies or any officer or employee thereof.

1 Contracts for such insurance shall be in all respects subject to the  
2 insurance laws of this state, and shall be enforceable solely  
3 pursuant to such laws.

4 F. The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission is authorized to  
5 deduct from the wages or salary of its employees the employees'  
6 contribution to the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission  
7 Retirement Plan.

8 G. Payroll deductions shall be made for premium payments for  
9 group insurance for retired members or beneficiaries of any state-  
10 supported retirement system upon proper authorization given by the  
11 member or beneficiary to the board from which the member or  
12 beneficiary is currently receiving retirement benefits.

13 H. Upon request of instructional personnel employed at either  
14 the Oklahoma School for the Blind or the Oklahoma School for the  
15 Deaf and pursuant to procedures established by the Administrator of  
16 the Office of Personnel Management, the Commission for  
17 Rehabilitation Services shall make payroll deductions for membership  
18 dues in any statewide educational employee organization or  
19 association.

20 I. Upon the request of a state employee of the Department of  
21 Corrections, the Department shall make voluntary payroll deductions  
22 for the employee to the Correctional Peace Officer Foundation.

23 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 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.

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