

1 other units of government on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby
2 to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms
3 of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic,
4 economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and
5 development of county government;

6 2. To provide research and research support to county
7 government;

8 3. To provide assistance to county governments in performing
9 the functions delegated by law including, but not limited to, the
10 operation of road maintenance, construction, inspection, and
11 equipment purchases and management;

12 4. To conduct public discussion groups, forums, panels,
13 lectures, and other similar programs;

14 5. To present courses of instruction and education;

15 6. To obtain, develop and present scientific and all other
16 types of information relative to the operation of the public
17 transportation system in this state;

18 7. For long-range planning and growth of the transportation
19 system within the circuit engineering district and other circuit
20 engineering districts within this state; and

21 8. To provide services to counties in a coordinated manner that
22 will improve the quality of the transportation system and be cost
23 effective.

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1 B. The authority of the circuit engineering district shall be
2 as follows:

3 1. To comply with and carry out the provisions of the
4 Interlocal Cooperation Act;

5 2. To advise and assist its members with how to implement and
6 make an effective transportation plan for the best interest of each
7 member of the circuit engineering district;

8 3. To prepare such programs of research as may be necessary and
9 advisable in carrying out its purposes;

10 4. To contract for services with persons, firms or units of
11 government to carry out the purposes of the circuit engineering
12 district;

13 5. To provide periodic reports for the circuit engineering
14 district or for its members as may be required by federal or state
15 legislation or regulations pertaining thereto, and as are within the
16 scope and range of the purpose of the circuit engineering district;

17 6. To acquire and hold property for its use and to incur
18 expenses to carry out its functions;

19 7. To receive gifts, contributions and donations to carry out
20 the purposes for which it is formed;

21 8. To assess its members for the services rendered in carrying
22 out its functions;

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1 9. To apply for, contract for, administer, receive and expend
2 funds or grants from any participating member, the State of
3 Oklahoma, the federal government, or any other source; and

4 10. To publish studies in connection with its work which may be
5 of benefit to its members or other agencies within and outside of
6 the circuit engineering district.

7 C. Circuit engineering districts may, by affirmative vote of
8 their board, determine that the association representing the county
9 commissioners of Oklahoma be designated to negotiate for services,
10 required by law or necessity, on behalf of the circuit engineering
11 districts.

12 ~~D. The circuit engineering district may, from time to time, as~~
13 ~~its board of directors deems necessary, cause to be formed legal~~
14 ~~trusts which shall be formed to promote and develop specific~~
15 ~~projects. The primary goal of each trust created pursuant to this~~
16 ~~subsection shall be the economic growth and development within the~~
17 ~~district. However, the trust shall be limited to functions within~~
18 ~~the category for which it is specifically organized. The trust~~
19 ~~shall be totally responsible for its contractual obligations and~~
20 ~~holdings, holding the circuit engineering district harmless for~~
21 ~~claims or liabilities created by the trust.~~

22 ~~E. The board of directors of the circuit engineering district~~
23 ~~shall elect a liaison officer. The liaison officer shall be a~~
24 ~~nonvoting member of each trust formed pursuant to subsection D of~~

1 ~~this section. The liaison shall be permitted to attend all meetings~~
2 ~~and enter into all discussions of the trust's board of trustees, and~~
3 ~~shall report all actions to the board of directors of the circuit~~
4 ~~engineering district.~~

5 F. The circuit engineering district shall conduct an
6 independent audit upon completion of each fiscal year.

7 G. E. The board of directors may employ an attorney to provide
8 legal research, advice and opinions on contracts and other matters
9 which may come before the board of directors.

10 H. F. The State Auditor and Inspector shall prescribe the
11 necessary rules, forms and procedures to provide for the efficient
12 and timely means by which the pool purchase of supplies and
13 equipment may be accomplished on behalf of the participating
14 counties. The rules, forms and procedures developed by the State
15 Auditor and Inspector for pool purchasing may be utilized by the
16 Oklahoma Department of Transportation County Advisory Board in
17 coordination with the circuit engineering districts for the purpose
18 of pool purchasing utilizing funds from the County Road Machinery
19 and Equipment Revolving Fund. For the purpose of obtaining access
20 to pricing and bids available on a national level, counties shall be
21 eligible to participate in such pool purchasing in a manner as
22 determined by the State Auditor and Inspector.

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1 ~~F.~~ G. Circuit engineering districts may participate in the
2 County Road Machinery and Equipment Revolving Fund pursuant to the
3 provisions of Section 302.1 of this title.

4 ~~J.~~ H. Circuit engineering districts are authorized to organize
5 a statewide board consisting of the chairpersons duly elected by
6 each of their respective circuit engineering districts. The
7 statewide board organized pursuant to this section shall:

8 1. Have the power to conduct business, including the
9 development of policies and procedures, incur expenses, and contract
10 for services so long as such business furthers the provisions of
11 this act;

12 2. Coordinate activities between circuit engineering districts;

13 3. Administer the Statewide Circuit Engineering District
14 Revolving Fund, created pursuant to Section 687.2 of this title; and

15 4. Have authority to promulgate rules to carry out the
16 provisions of this act.

17 ~~K.~~ I. A circuit engineering district created pursuant to this
18 section shall be deemed a political subdivision of the state.

19 J. A district may hire up to one registered professional
20 engineer per three counties within each circuit engineering
21 district.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2013.

23 SECTION 3. 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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4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated
5 04/01/2013 - DO PASS.

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