HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 13 By: Mazzei of the Senate

and

Dank of the House

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

[Ad Valorem Reimbursement Fund - distribution of funds - modifying reimbursement amount - effective date]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2001, Section 193, is amended to read as follows:

Section 193. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Tax Commission to be designated the "Ad Valorem Reimbursement Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations. Monies apportioned to this fund shall be expended:

1. To reimburse counties of this state for loss of revenue due to exemptions of ad valorem taxes for new or expanded manufacturing or research and development facilities; provided, for tax year 2012 and all subsequent tax years, the property valuation used for determining the amount of such reimbursement shall be limited to the property valuation for the calendar year immediately preceding the calendar year in which the facility initially qualified for such exemption;

2. To reimburse counties of this state for loss of revenue for school district and county purposes due to exemptions granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 2890 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

3. To reimburse counties of this state for loss of revenue due to decreased valuation and assessment for buffer strips pursuant to Section ~~2~~ 2817.2 of ~~this act~~ Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

Provided that it shall be the duty of the Tax Commission to assess the valuation of all property for new or expanded manufacturing or research and development facilities which are exempt from ad valorem taxes.

Monies apportioned to this fund also may be transferred to other state funds or otherwise expended as directed by the Legislature by law.

B. The county commissioners of each county seeking reimbursement for lost revenue from the Ad Valorem Reimbursement Fund shall make claims for reimbursement on forms prescribed by the Tax Commission prior to April 30 of each year. Claims for reimbursement for loss of revenue due to exemptions of ad valorem taxes for new or expanded manufacturing or research and development facilities shall be made separately from claims for reimbursement for loss of revenue for school district and county purposes due to exemptions granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 2890 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes and separately from claims for reimbursement for loss of revenue for decreased valuation and assessment of buffer strips. Provided, the assessed valuation of a school district as stated in the claim for reimbursement shall be the same as reported to the State Department of Education on the Estimate of Need and shall include the total valuation of property exempt from taxation pursuant to Section 2902 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The claims shall be either approved or disapproved in whole or in part by the Tax Commission by June 15 of each year. A claim for reimbursement for loss of revenue due to an exemption of ad valorem taxes for a new or expanded manufacturing or research and development facility shall be disapproved if a county or school district has received any payment in lieu of ad valorem taxes from such facility, to the extent of the amount of such reimbursement. If the Tax Commission determines that an exemption has been erroneously or unlawfully granted, it shall notify the appropriate county assessor who shall immediately value and assess the property and place it on the rolls for ad valorem taxation. Disbursements from the fund shall be made on warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed by the Tax Commission with the Office of State Finance for payment. Such disbursements shall be exempt from all agency expenditure ceilings. The county treasurer shall apportion or disburse such funds for expenditures in the same manner as other ad valorem tax collections.

C. In the event monies apportioned to the Ad Valorem Reimbursement Fund are insufficient to pay all claims for reimbursement made pursuant to subsection B of this section, claims for reimbursement for loss of revenue due to exemptions of ad valorem taxes for new or expanded manufacturing or research and development facilities shall be paid first, and any remaining funds shall be distributed proportionally among the counties making claims for reimbursement for loss of revenue for school district and county purposes due to exemptions granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 2890 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, according to the amount of the claim made by each county. If any funds remain after paying all claims for reimbursement for loss of revenue due to exemptions of ad valorem taxation for new or expanded manufacturing or research and development facilities and for reimbursement for loss of revenue for school district and county purposes due to exemptions granted pursuant to the provisions of Section 2890 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the remaining funds shall be distributed proportionally among the counties making claims for reimbursement for loss of revenue for decreased valuation and assessment for buffer strips pursuant to Section ~~2~~ 2817.2 of ~~this act~~ Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 2012.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated 04-07-2011 - DO PASS, As Amended.