

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
HOUSE BILL NO. 1116

By: Cleveland of the House of
Representatives

and

Standridge and Sparks of
the Senate

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An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;
authorizing the Department of Corrections to
negotiate and enter into an agreement with a public
nonprofit rural water district for purposes of
selling certain groundwater; stating additional
purposes of agreement; specifying terms of agreement;
requiring certain reservation of right; providing
certain limitations on the amendment of the
groundwater use permit; providing for codification;
and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 555.1 of Title 57, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A. The Department of Corrections is authorized to negotiate and
2 enter into a water purchase agreement and execute necessary
3 easements with a public nonprofit rural water district organized
4 under the Rural Water, Sewer, Gas and Solid Waste Management
5 Districts Act for purposes of selling at cost groundwater found
6 beneath real property owned by the Department, on which the
7 Lexington Assessment and Reception Center and the Joseph Harp
8 Correctional Center at Lexington, Oklahoma, are located, and for
9 granting permission to the Department to amend the groundwater use
10 permit the Department holds from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board
11 to allow for use as a public water supply in Cleveland County. The
12 term of the water purchase agreement and easement shall be for not
13 less than forty (40) years from the first date of delivery of water
14 and as long as the groundwater is being put to a beneficial use.
15 Any agreement entered into for the sale of water shall include a
16 reserved right of usage by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

17 B. Any amendment of the groundwater use permit as authorized by
18 subsection A of this section shall be obtained from the Oklahoma
19 Water Resources Board and shall not exceed the proportionate part of
20 the maximum annual yield of groundwater allocated to each acre of
21 land overlying the groundwater basin or subbasin as established by
22 the Board.

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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