

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 1116

By: Cleveland

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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 term of agreement;
requiring certain reservation of right; 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:

The Department of Corrections is authorized to negotiate and
enter into a water purchase agreement and execute necessary
easements with a public nonprofit rural water district organized
under the Rural Water, Sewer, Gas and Solid Waste Management
Districts Act for purposes of selling at cost groundwater found
beneath real property owned by the Department, on which the

1 Lexington Assessment and Reception Center and the Joseph Harp
2 Correctional Center at Lexington, Oklahoma, are located, and for
3 granting permission to the Department to amend the groundwater use
4 permit the Department holds from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board
5 to allow for use as a public water supply. The term of the water
6 purchase agreement and easement shall be for not less than forty
7 (40) years from the first date of delivery of water and as long as
8 the groundwater is being put to a beneficial use. Any agreement
9 entered into for the sale of water shall include a reserved right of
10 usage by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

11 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
12 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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