

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1116

By: Cleveland of the House

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11 An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;
12 authorizing the Department of Corrections to
13 negotiate and enter into an agreement with a public
14 nonprofit rural water district for purposes of
15 selling certain groundwater; stating additional
16 purposes of agreement; specifying term of agreement;
17 requiring certain reservation of right; providing for
18 codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

23 The Department of Corrections is authorized to negotiate and
24 enter into a water purchase agreement and execute necessary
 easements with a public nonprofit rural water district organized

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

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

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19 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET, dated
20 02/19/2015 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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