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**AS AMENDED**

BILL NO. 1116

and

[ prisons and reformatories - authorizing the Department of Corrections to enter into an agreement for purposes of selling certain groundwater -

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

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 Lexington Assessment and Reception Center and the Joseph Harp Correctional Center at Lexington, Oklahoma, are located, and for

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

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

13 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
14 April 8, 2015 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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