

SENATE FLOOR VERSION
April 8, 2015
AS AMENDED

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1116

By: Cleveland of the House

and

Standridge and **Sparks** of
the Senate

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

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 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
April 8, 2015 - DO PASS AS AMENDED