

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1116

By: Cleveland

AS INTRODUCED

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;  
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  
Lexington Assessment and Reception Center and the Joseph Harp

1 Correctional Center at Lexington, Oklahoma, are located, and for  
2 granting permission to the Department to amend the groundwater use  
3 permit the Department holds from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
4 to allow for use as a public water supply. The term of the water  
5 purchase agreement and easement shall be for not less than forty  
6 (40) years from the first date of delivery of water and as long as  
7 the groundwater is being put to a beneficial use.

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

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