

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 3588

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An Act relating to roads and bridges; amending 69 O.S. 2011, Section 1205, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 319, O.S.L. 2017 (69 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1205), which relates to acquisitions of rights-of-way; modifying obligations related to cost for various construction and maintenance projects; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 1205, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 319, O.S.L. 2017 (69 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1205), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1205. The policy which the Transportation Commission shall follow in the acquisition of all rights-of-way shall be as follows:

~~(a)~~ 1. For construction on the Interstate Highway System within the limits of municipalities having a population of five thousand (5,000) or more, federal aid funds, if available, may be used for the acquisition of rights-of-way, and shall, if available, be used to pay the cost of the removing or relocating of utility facilities

1 located in either privately owned or public rights-of-way. In such
2 event the municipality in which such construction is to be performed
3 shall furnish funds to the state necessary to match the federal
4 funds, unless the utility requiring relocation is owned by another
5 municipality having a population of five thousand (5,000) or more,
6 in which case the municipal utility owner shall furnish the funds-;

7 ~~(b)~~ 2. For construction and maintenance on the Interstate
8 Highway System, U.S. highways, urban freeways, frontage roads, local
9 roads, public roads and interchange-collector-distributor roads
10 which are a part of the state highway system in all locations other
11 than within the limits of municipalities having a population of five
12 thousand (5,000) or ~~over~~ more, and where control of access is
13 required, the state shall furnish all rights-of-way and may use
14 federal aid funds, if available, for such purpose, and when federal
15 aid funds are available for such purpose, shall pay the cost of
16 removing or relocating utility facilities located on either
17 privately owned or public rights-of-way-;

18 ~~(c)~~ 3. For all construction projects and maintenance on the
19 Interstate Highway System, U.S. highways, urban freeways, frontage
20 roads, local roads, public roads and interchange-collector-
21 distributor roads which are a part of the state highway system in
22 all locations within the limits of municipalities having a
23 population of five thousand (5,000) or more, other than projects on
24 the Interstate Highway System, as described in the Federal Aid

1 ~~Highway Act of 1956,~~ the municipality or county involved and the
2 Department of Transportation shall equally share the cost of all
3 necessary rights-of-way, clear of all obstructions, including
4 structures of any kind or nature and utility lines, poles, pipelines
5 or other facilities above or below the surface of the ground. If
6 federal aid funds are available for the project, the municipality or
7 county and the Department shall equally share the local portion of
8 the costs for acquiring and clearing the right-of-way, including the
9 cost of removing and relocating utility facilities located on
10 privately owned rights-of-way-;

11 ~~(d)~~ 4. In any municipality where the Commission has determined
12 it to be necessary to construct a highway through or within the
13 corporate limits, and further determines that the construction will
14 not benefit the municipality involved, or that the construction will
15 benefit state-owned property or institutions, the Commission may, in
16 its discretion, pay for or participate in the cost of rights-of-way
17 for such project-;

18 ~~(e)~~ 5. For all reconstruction or widening projects on existing
19 improved roads of permanent-type surface in rural areas, the
20 Department shall pay ~~fifty percent (50%) of~~ the cost of any
21 additional rights-of-way required to meet right-of-way standard-
22 width requirements, ~~and the remaining fifty percent (50%) shall be~~
23 ~~furnished or paid for by local units of government; provided,~~
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1 however, that no right-of-way shall be acquired under the terms of
2 this article, except by due process of law-;

3 ~~(f)~~ 6. For new construction on unsurfaced roads except within
4 the limits of municipalities having a population of five thousand
5 (5,000) or more, where the construction follows a section line or an
6 existing unimproved road, all rights-of-way shall be furnished by
7 ~~local units of government free of cost to the Department; provided,~~
8 ~~should the new or additional rights-of-way, either contiguous or~~
9 ~~adjacent to the section line or existing unimproved road, be~~
10 ~~acquired only on one side of the section line or road, then one-half~~
11 ~~of the cost shall be borne by the state.~~

12 ~~(g)~~ 7. For new construction on unsurfaced roads within the
13 limits of municipalities having a population of five thousand
14 (5,000) or more, where the construction follows a section line or an
15 existing unimproved road, the municipality or county involved and
16 the Department shall equally share the costs of all necessary
17 rights-of-way;

18 8. For all new construction diagonally across country or not
19 following on a section line road or other existing unimproved road,
20 the rights-of-way shall be paid for by the Department-;

21 ~~(h)~~ 9. In securing the necessary rights-of-way in rural areas,
22 the state shall pay for all damages to buildings, improvements,
23 fences and all other appurtenances thereto, or their moving and
24 relocating-;

1 ~~(i)~~ 10. In any county where a proposed alignment for a highway
2 project on the primary system shall not come within one-half (1/2)
3 mile of the limits of any municipality within the county, or
4 contribute to the highway transportation system or to the economy of
5 the county, the Commission may in its discretion increase the amount
6 of the state's participation in the cost of rights-of-way for such
7 projects; and

8 ~~(j)~~ 11. The term "utility facility" as used herein means any
9 publicly, privately, municipally or cooperatively owned facility or
10 system which is used to provide water, power, light, gas, sewer,
11 telegraph, telephone and communications, or like utility service, to
12 the public in the State of Oklahoma, or some portion thereof.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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