

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1814

By: Stanley of the Senate

3 and

4 Hardin (Tommy) of the House

5  
6 An Act relating to veterans affairs; amending 26 O.S.  
7 2021, Sections 4-120.3, 14-101.1, 14-115, and 14-  
8 115.5, which relate to deceased persons voting  
9 registration, absentee ballot harvesting, voters  
10 confined to veterans centers, and composition of  
11 absentee voting boards; amending 43A O.S. 2021,  
12 Section 6-102, which relates to transfer of patient  
13 to federal agencies for care and treatment; amending  
14 62 O.S. 2021, Section 46.1, which relates to the  
15 transfer of surplus funds accruing to the General  
16 Revenue Fund; amending 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-1903,  
17 which relates to licensure requirements; amending 72  
18 O.S. 2021, Sections 63.5, 202, 221, 221.1, 221.2,  
19 221.2A, 221.5, 226, 229, 229.1, and 240, which relate  
20 to payment for care and maintenance of veterans,  
21 spouses, widows, and widowers, management of Oklahoma  
22 Veterans Centers, establishment of sites, purpose,  
23 administration, and control, transfer of operations  
24 and administration, continuation of operation,  
Oklahoma Veterans Center facility at Lawton,  
individual purchasing entity status, Oklahoma  
Veterans Centers at Clinton and Talihina,  
construction of a long-term care facility to assume  
the operations at the Oklahoma Veterans Center at  
Talihina, and petty cash funds; amending 73 O.S.  
2021, Section 301, which relates to the authority to  
acquire real property; changing name; updating  
statutory language; updating statutory references;  
and declaring an emergency.

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

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 26 O.S. 2021, Section 4-120.3, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1       Section 4-120.3. A. The State Department of Health shall each  
2 month transmit to the Secretary of the State Election Board a  
3 certified list of all deaths of residents that have occurred within  
4 the state for the immediately preceding month. The Secretary of the  
5 State Election Board shall transmit such list to the secretary of  
6 the county election board who shall then use the list to ascertain  
7 those voters who are deceased, and shall remove such deceased  
8 person's name from the central registry and voter registration  
9 database within thirty (30) days from the date the list was received  
10 by the county election board. Such list shall be used only for the  
11 purposes hereinbefore described.

12       B. The registration of a deceased voter may be canceled by the  
13 secretary of a county election board upon the receipt of a certified  
14 copy of a death certificate from any person or upon the execution by  
15 the next of kin of such deceased voter of a form and upon the nature  
16 of proof of the fact thereof as prescribed by the Secretary of the  
17 State Election Board. Such form must be executed in person by the  
18 deceased voter's next of kin at the county election board office, in  
19 which case it shall be witnessed by the secretary or other  
20 designated employees, at the deceased voter's precinct polling place  
21 or at the next of kin's precinct polling place in the same county on  
22 the day of any election, in which case it shall be witnessed by the  
23 inspector of such precinct, or the form may be personally signed by  
24 the next of kin, such signature to be notarized by a notary public

1 or witnessed by two persons whose signatures and addresses shall  
2 appear on the form, and returned to the county election board.

3 C. The administrator of a nursing facility, as defined in  
4 Section 1-1902 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or the  
5 administrator of a ~~veterans center~~ State Veterans Home established  
6 pursuant to Title 72 of the Oklahoma Statutes, also may execute a  
7 form prescribed by the Secretary of the State Election Board to  
8 notify the secretary of the county election board of the death of a  
9 nursing facility resident who is a registered voter. The  
10 administrator's signature on such form shall be witnessed by a  
11 member of the nursing home absentee voting board, shall be notarized  
12 or shall be witnessed by two persons whose signatures and addresses  
13 shall appear on the form.

14 D. A funeral director, as defined in Section 396.2 of Title 59  
15 of the Oklahoma Statutes, may execute a form prescribed by the  
16 Secretary of the State Election Board to notify the secretary of the  
17 county election board of the death of a resident of the county. The  
18 funeral director's signature on such form either shall be notarized  
19 or shall be witnessed by two persons whose signatures and addresses  
20 shall appear on the form. Upon receipt of such form or any notice  
21 setting forth substantially the same facts and witnessed or  
22 notarized as provided in this section, the secretary of the county  
23 election board shall be authorized to cancel the voter registration  
24 of such deceased person.

1       E. The registration of a deceased voter who was a member of the  
2 Oklahoma National Guard or the ~~armed forces~~ Armed Forces of the  
3 United States and who died in the line of duty may be canceled by  
4 the secretary of a county election board upon the receipt of  
5 notification of the voter's death from the Oklahoma National Guard  
6 or the ~~armed forces~~ Armed Forces of the United States. The  
7 Secretary of the State Election Board may prescribe the forms of  
8 such notification to be accepted by the county election board in  
9 order to cause the registration of the voter to be canceled. The  
10 Secretary shall further request the Oklahoma National Guard and the  
11 ~~armed forces~~ Armed Forces of the United States to provide  
12 notifications to the county election board as provided for in this  
13 section.

14       F. The Secretary of the State Election Board is authorized to  
15 obtain official death records from the Social Security  
16 Administration and from other states. The Secretary of the State  
17 Election Board may compare such death records against the state's  
18 voter registration database. Any possible match of a death record  
19 to a registered voter shall be transmitted to the secretary of the  
20 county election board in the county in which the voter is  
21 registered. The secretary of the county election board shall  
22 ascertain any voter who is deceased, and shall remove such deceased  
23 person's name from the central registry and voter registration  
24 database.

1       SECTION 2.       AMENDATORY       26 O.S. 2021, Section 14-101.1, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       Section 14-101.1. A. For the purposes of this section,  
4 "absentee ballot harvesting" means:

5       1. Collecting or obtaining an absentee ballot from another  
6 person with the intent to submit, transmit or return the ballot to  
7 election officials on behalf of that person;

8       2. Submitting, returning or transmitting an absentee ballot to  
9 election officials on behalf of another person;

10       3. Collecting or obtaining an absentee ballot from another  
11 person under a false pretense or promise of transmitting, returning  
12 or submitting it to election officials on behalf of that person;

13       4. Requesting or receiving an absentee ballot on behalf of  
14 another person;

15       5. Partially or fully completing an application for an absentee  
16 ballot on behalf of another person without that person's prior  
17 consent; or

18       6. Notarizing or witnessing more absentee ballots than allowed  
19 by law.

20       B. Absentee ballot harvesting shall be unlawful at any election  
21 conducted by a county election board, the State Election Board or  
22 any political subdivision of this state; provided, the following  
23 shall not be deemed to be ballot harvesting:  
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1        1. A voter's assistant or agent acting pursuant to law as  
2 otherwise allowed by Title 26 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3        2. An absentee voting board member, as described in Title 26 of  
4 the Oklahoma Statutes, who assists a voter confined to a nursing  
5 home or ~~veterans-center~~ State Veterans Home pursuant to law;

6        3. An employee of the Federal Voting Assistance Program, the  
7 United States Department of Defense or the Oklahoma National Guard  
8 who assists a uniformed-services voter in returning or transmitting  
9 an absentee ballot;

10       4. A spouse, relative in the first or second degree of  
11 consanguinity or affinity or cohabitant of a voter who forwards an  
12 absentee ballot to the voter when absent from the home;

13       5. A voter's spouse who, with the voter's consent, returns the  
14 voter's absentee ballot by mail; or

15       6. An official action by an election official that is required  
16 or authorized by law.

17       SECTION 3.        AMENDATORY        26 O.S. 2021, Section 14-115, is  
18 amended to read as follows:

19       Section 14-115. A. If the secretary of a county election board  
20 receives a request from an incapacitated elector confined to a  
21 nursing facility, as defined in Section 1-1902 of Title 63 of the  
22 Oklahoma Statutes, or a ~~veterans-center~~ State Veterans Home  
23 established pursuant to Title 72 of the Oklahoma Statutes within the  
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1 county of the jurisdiction of the secretary, the secretary shall  
2 cause to be implemented the following procedures:

3 1. On the Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Monday preceding the  
4 election, the absentee voting board shall deliver to each registered  
5 voter who is confined to a nursing facility, as defined in Section  
6 1-1902 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes, or a ~~veterans center~~  
7 State Veterans Home established pursuant to Title 72 of the Oklahoma  
8 Statutes and who requested ballots for an incapacitated voter the  
9 ballots and materials as may be necessary to vote same.

10 2. The voter must mark the ballots in the manner hereinbefore  
11 provided in the presence of the absentee voting board, but in such a  
12 manner as to make it impossible for any person other than the voter  
13 to ascertain how the ballots are marked. Insofar as is possible,  
14 the voting procedure shall be the same as if the voter were casting  
15 a vote in person at a precinct.

16 3. The voter shall then seal the ballots in the plain opaque  
17 envelope and shall seal the plain opaque envelope in the envelope  
18 bearing an affidavit. The voter must complete the affidavit, and  
19 the signature of the voter on same must be witnessed by both members  
20 of the absentee voting board.

21 4. The envelope bearing an affidavit then must be sealed in the  
22 return envelope, which shall be returned by the absentee voting  
23 board to the secretary of the county election board on the same day  
24 the affidavit was executed.

1        5. Ballots cast in such manner shall be counted in the same  
2 manner as regular mail absentee ballots.

3        B. The voter may request the assistance of the absentee voting  
4 board members to mark a ballot, complete the affidavit or seal the  
5 envelopes as described in this section.

6        C. 1. An administrator or employee of a nursing facility or  
7 ~~veterans center~~ State Veterans Home who attempts to coerce or  
8 influence the vote of a person residing in or confined to that  
9 facility shall be deemed to be in violation of Section 16-109 of  
10 this title.

11        2. An administrator or employee of a nursing facility or  
12 ~~veterans center~~ State Veterans Home who prevents or attempts to  
13 prevent a person residing in or confined to that facility from  
14 voting pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be in violation  
15 of Section 16-113 of this title.

16        SECTION 4.        AMENDATORY        26 O.S. 2021, Section 14-115.5, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18        Section 14-115.5. A. To carry out the provisions of Sections  
19 14-115 and 14-115.4 of this title, the secretary of the county  
20 election board shall designate one or more absentee voting boards,  
21 to be composed of two (2) members each, with each member to be of a  
22 different political affiliation.

23        B. No later than June 1 in each even-numbered year, the chair  
24 of the county central committees of the two political parties having



1 the highest number of registered voters in the county shall each  
2 submit a list of ten names to the secretary. Such lists shall  
3 contain names of registered voters of the county, who shall meet the  
4 same eligibility requirements for precinct officials as described in  
5 Section 2-131 of this title.

6 C. The secretary shall utilize such lists in designating  
7 membership on the absentee voting board or boards, unless all  
8 persons on such lists are ineligible, unable or unwilling to serve.  
9 In the event the chair of the county central committee of a  
10 political party fails to submit a list as herein provided, the  
11 secretary shall appoint membership to such board or boards from the  
12 ranks of registered voters of such party within the county.  
13 Provided further, that in the event the list of names of either or  
14 both parties is exhausted and additional absentee voting boards are  
15 needed, the secretary shall appoint additional members to such  
16 boards from the ranks of such party or parties in the county.

17 D. Members of an absentee voting board shall be compensated at  
18 the same rate as a precinct judge or clerk.

19 E. One member of each such board serving a nursing home,  
20 ~~veterans center~~ State Veterans Home or convalescent hospital, shall  
21 be allowed mileage reimbursement at the rate prescribed for travel  
22 by state employees according to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

23 SECTION 5. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2021, Section 6-102, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1       Section 6-102. A. 1. Upon receipt of a certificate of the  
2 United States Public Health Service or any agency of the United  
3 States Government or a ~~veterans center in the state~~ State Veterans  
4 Home that facilities are available for the care or treatment of any  
5 person who has been admitted to a facility within the Department of  
6 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in accordance with the  
7 provisions of this title and that such person is eligible for care  
8 or treatment, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
9 Services, upon recommendation by the person in charge of the  
10 facility in which the consumer is located, may transfer the consumer  
11 to:

- 12           a. the United States Public Health Service or other  
13           agency of the United States Government, or  
14           b. a ~~veterans center in the state~~ State Veterans Home or  
15           other agency of the state for care and treatment.

16       2. If the consumer has been admitted under involuntary court-  
17 ordered commitment proceedings, the Commissioner shall notify the  
18 committing court of any transfer when it has been effected.

19       3. Any consumer transferred as provided in this section shall  
20 be deemed to be committed to the United States Public Health Service  
21 or other agency of the United States Government or a ~~veterans center~~  
22 ~~in the state~~ State Veterans Home or other agency of the state  
23 pursuant to the original commitment the same as if the person had  
24 been originally committed.

1 B. 1. In the event that a consumer transferred under  
2 provisions of this section subsequently becomes ineligible for  
3 continued services, or if required services cannot be provided by  
4 the entity or facility where the consumer is committed and residing,  
5 the Commissioner shall upon notification accept the return of the  
6 consumer to the appropriate facility of the Department.

7 2. If the consumer has been admitted under this title, the  
8 Commissioner shall notify the committing court of the transfer when  
9 it has been effected.

10 3. Any consumer transferred as provided in this section shall  
11 be deemed to be committed to the Department pursuant to the original  
12 commitment the same as if the person had been originally committed.

13 SECTION 6. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2021, Section 46.1, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 46.1. A. On July 1, 2005, or as soon thereafter as  
16 feasible, the Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall  
17 transfer any surplus funds which accrue to the General Revenue Fund  
18 of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state for the fiscal year ending June  
19 30, 2005, over and above that which is placed in the Constitutional  
20 Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 23 of Article X of the Constitution  
21 of the State of Oklahoma for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005,  
22 to the following funds and in the specified amounts:

23 1. Fifty percent (50%) to the Oklahoma Dynamic Economy and  
24 Budget Security Fund established in Section 46.2 of this title; and

1        2. Fifty percent (50%) to the Oklahoma Taxpayer Relief  
2 Revolving Fund established in Section 2355.2 of Title 68 of the  
3 Oklahoma Statutes.

4        B. On July 1, 2006, or as soon thereafter as feasible, the  
5 Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall transfer the  
6 following amounts of surplus funds which accrue to the General  
7 Revenue Fund of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state for the fiscal year  
8 ending June 30, 2006, over and above that which is placed in the  
9 Constitutional Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 23 of Article X of  
10 the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma for the fiscal year ending  
11 June 30, 2006:

12        1. The first Eighty-five Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
13 (\$85,500,000.00) to the State Regents Revolving Fund of the Oklahoma  
14 State Regents for Higher Education, to be used for operations of The  
15 Oklahoma State System of Higher Education;

16        2. Contingent upon passage and approval of Enrolled House Bill  
17 No. 1169 of the 2nd Extraordinary Session of the 50th Oklahoma  
18 Legislature, the next Forty-five Million Dollars (\$45,000,000.00) to  
19 the Oklahoma Opportunity Fund created in Section 48 of this title;

20        3. Contingent upon passage and approval of Enrolled Senate Bill  
21 No. 99 of the 2nd Extraordinary Session of the 50th Oklahoma  
22 Legislature, the next One Hundred Fifty Million Dollars  
23 (\$150,000,000.00) to the Economic Development Generating Excellence  
24 (EDGE) Fund created in Section 47 of this title;

1        4. The next Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) to the  
2 County Bridges and Road Improvement Fund, to be expended for repair,  
3 renovation, rehabilitation, or replacement of county bridges;

4        5. The next Seven Million Dollars (\$7,000,000.00) to the  
5 Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs Revolving Fund, to be used  
6 for expenses associated with the ~~veterans center~~ State Veterans Home  
7 in Sulphur;

8        6. The next Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) to the Rural  
9 Fire Equipment Grant Revolving Fund of the Oklahoma Department of  
10 Agriculture, Food, and Forestry;

11       7. The next Eighty Million Dollars (\$80,000,000.00) to the  
12 Comprehensive University Capital Projects Revolving Fund created in  
13 Section 2, Chapter 84, O.S.L. 2006;

14       8. The next Eight Million Dollars (\$8,000,000.00) to the  
15 Tourism Equipment Revolving Fund of the Oklahoma Tourism and  
16 Recreation Department, to be used for operations, capital  
17 improvements and maintenance of state parks; ~~and~~

18       9. The next Fifteen Million Dollars (\$15,000,000.00) to the  
19 State Emergency Fund created in Section 139.42 of this title;

20       10. The next Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00) to the  
21 Oklahoma Tax Commission Fund created pursuant to Section 221 of this  
22 title for the implementation of a digital license plate system;

23       11. The next Thirty-five Million Dollars (\$35,000,000.00) to  
24 the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System in order to

1 replace monies that would otherwise have been apportioned over a  
2 period of years pursuant to paragraph 1 of subsection C of Section  
3 312.1 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes if such modified  
4 apportionment is enacted pursuant to legislation passed during the  
5 2nd Extraordinary Session of the 50th Oklahoma Legislature. If such  
6 modification to the apportionment is not enacted as a result of the  
7 passage of such legislation, the sum specified by this paragraph  
8 shall not be transferred to the Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and  
9 Retirement System; and

10 12. The next Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00) to the  
11 Oklahoma Tax Commission Fund created pursuant to Section 221 of this  
12 title for the acquisition of a main frame computer.

13 The transfers authorized pursuant to the provisions of  
14 paragraphs 1 through 12 of this subsection shall not be subject to  
15 fiscal year 2007 agency category or budget limits.

16 SECTION 7. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 1-1903, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1-1903. A. No person shall establish, operate, or  
19 maintain in this state any nursing facility without first obtaining  
20 a license as required by the Nursing Home Care Act.

21 B. The Nursing Home Care Act shall not apply to residential  
22 care homes, assisted living facilities or adult companion homes  
23 which are operated in conjunction with a nursing facility, a home or  
24 facility approved and annually reviewed by the United States

1 Department of Veterans Affairs as a medical foster home in which  
2 care is provided exclusively to three or fewer veterans, or to  
3 hotels, motels, boarding houses, rooming houses, or other places  
4 that furnish board or room to their residents.

5 C. Each ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home nursing  
6 facility licensed pursuant to the provisions of this section shall  
7 be regulated as an existing nursing facility for the purposes of  
8 meeting state and federal standards.

9 D. Certificate of need review shall not be required for any  
10 addition, deletion, modification or new construction of current or  
11 future State Veterans ~~Center~~ Home nursing facilities.

12 E. The Nursing Home Care Act shall not authorize any person to  
13 engage in any manner in the practice of the healing arts or the  
14 practice of medicine, as defined by law.

15 F. The Nursing Home Care Act shall not apply to a facility  
16 which is not charging or receiving periodic compensation for  
17 services rendered, and not receiving any county, state, or federal  
18 assistance.

19 SECTION 8. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 63.5, is  
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 63.5. The Oklahoma Veterans Commission is hereby  
22 authorized to make collections from eligible patients and members  
23 for care and maintenance. Payments shall be established in the  
24 following manner:

1        1. All sources of personal income, except wages of a working  
2 spouse, except as provided in this section, shall be considered when  
3 computing care and maintenance charges, including pensions and  
4 awards for aid and attendance from the Veterans Administration;

5        2. Care and maintenance charges shall be computed in a manner  
6 to maximize the Veterans Administration pension and compensation  
7 benefits to which the veteran is entitled and shall allow a veteran  
8 to retain not less than One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per  
9 month of total monthly income;

10       3. The care and maintenance charge shall not exceed the full  
11 cost of care minus the Veterans Administration per diem payment;

12       4. Spouses, widows and widowers of eligible war veterans are  
13 authorized to be admitted and maintained in the ~~Oklahoma veterans~~  
14 ~~centers~~ State Veterans Homes. The facilities admitting and  
15 maintaining spouses, widows and widowers shall make collections from  
16 the spouses, widows and widowers first and to the fullest extent  
17 from sources of income other than pension and compensation paid by  
18 the Veterans Administration; and

19       5. The claim of the state for such care and maintenance shall  
20 constitute a valid indebtedness against any such patient or member  
21 and the patient's estate and shall not be barred by any statute of  
22 limitations except as otherwise allowed by the Oklahoma Indigent  
23 Health Care Act. At the death of the patient or member, this claim  
24 shall be allowed and paid as other lawful claims against the estate.



1 Provided, no admission of a veteran of a period of war, as  
2 referenced in 38 U.S.C., Section 1521 or detention of a patient in  
3 ~~an Oklahoma veterans center~~ a State Veterans Home shall be limited  
4 or conditioned in any manner by the lack of ability to pay of a  
5 patient or member, the patient's estate, or any relative of the  
6 patient or member. Any monies collected by the provisions of this  
7 section shall be deposited in the Oklahoma Department of Veterans  
8 Affairs Revolving Fund.

9 SECTION 9. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 202, is  
10 amended to read as follows:

11 Section 202. The ~~Oklahoma Veterans Centers~~ State Veterans Homes  
12 shall be under the management and control of the Oklahoma Department  
13 of Veterans Affairs which shall:

14 1. Make all necessary rules, regulations and procedures for the  
15 operation and management of ~~veterans centers~~ State Veterans Homes  
16 operated by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs;

17 2. Ensure compliance with all federal and state statutes and  
18 rules which are applicable to the operation of long-term care  
19 facilities;

20 3. Appoint and fix the duties and compensation of ~~veterans~~  
21 ~~center~~ State Veterans Homes administrators and other necessary  
22 employees;

23 4. Provide necessary clothing, food, and care to all residents,  
24 including medications and proper medical care;

1        5. Provide for the burial of deceased residents who have no  
2 surviving relatives or whose relatives do not claim their bodies;  
3 and

4        6. Assure the protection of the rights of all residents,  
5 including the right to be free of neglect and abuse.

6        SECTION 10.        AMENDATORY        72 O.S. 2021, Section 221, is  
7 amended to read as follows:

8        Section 221. There is hereby established at Sulphur, Oklahoma,  
9 on the site of the Oklahoma State Veterans Hospital, and at Ardmore,  
10 Oklahoma, on the site of the Oklahoma State Veterans Home  
11 Facilities, and at Norman, Oklahoma, on the site of the Veterans  
12 Ward of the Griffin Memorial Hospital, further described as follows:

13        Starting at the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter (NE  
14 1/4) of Section twenty-nine (29), Township nine (9) North, Range two  
15 (2) West, of the Indian Meridian; thence North seventeen hundred  
16 (1700) feet to a point on the East boundary of Section twenty-nine  
17 (29), Township nine (9) North, Range two (2) West; thence West six  
18 hundred (600) feet; thence South eight hundred fifty (850) feet;  
19 thence West three hundred twenty-five (325) feet; thence South four  
20 hundred (400) feet; thence in a Southwest direction five hundred  
21 forty (540) feet to a point on the South boundary of the Northeast  
22 Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section twenty-nine (29), Township nine (9)  
23 North, Range two (2) West of the Indian Meridian; thence East a  
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1 distance of one thousand two hundred twenty-three (1,223) feet to  
2 the point of beginning;  
3 facilities to be known as the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Centers~~ State  
4 Veterans Homes (for the purpose of securing special treatment or  
5 hospitalization the adjoining facilities of Griffin Memorial  
6 Hospital shall be considered an integral part of the ~~Oklahoma~~  
7 ~~Veterans Centers~~ State Veterans Homes at Norman, and may be utilized  
8 to care for eligible veterans), which shall be available for care of  
9 war veterans discharged other than under dishonorable conditions.  
10 Further provided such centers shall be under the administration and  
11 control of the Oklahoma Veterans Commission.

12 SECTION 11. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 221.1, is  
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 221.1. Effective July 1, 1979, the responsibility for  
15 the operation and administration of the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~  
16 State Veterans Home, Norman, Oklahoma, shall be assumed by the  
17 Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. Thereafter, the ~~Oklahoma~~  
18 ~~Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home, Norman, shall operate as a  
19 separate institution under the direction and control of the  
20 Department of Veterans Affairs. The facility shall be described as  
21 such real property situated in Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma,  
22 and more particularly described as follows: The North half (N 1/2)  
23 of Section 28, Township 9 North, Range 2 West, Indian Meridian,  
24 Cleveland County, less and except the West half (W 1/2) of the

1 Northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 28, ~~said~~ the tract containing  
2 240 acres more or less.

3 SECTION 12. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 221.2, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 221.2. In addition to the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Centers~~  
6 State Veterans Homes established by Sections 203, 221, 221.1, 226  
7 and 229 of this title, the facility known as the ~~Oklahoma Veterans~~  
8 ~~Center~~ State Veterans Home, Claremore Division, since March, 1987,  
9 shall continue to be operated as a ~~veterans center~~ State Veterans  
10 Home by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs; such property  
11 described as the real property situated in Rogers County, State of  
12 Oklahoma, and more particularly described as follows:

13 A tract of land located in Lot 1, Section 7, Township 21 North,  
14 Range 16 East of I.B. & M., further described as follows: Beginning  
15 at the Northwest corner of ~~said~~ Lot 1, thence North 89 degrees  
16 42'40" East along the North line thereof 671.00 feet; thence South  
17 parallel to the West line of ~~said~~ Lot 1, 750.00 feet; thence North  
18 89 degrees 42'40" East 361.51 feet; thence South 567.53 feet to the  
19 South line of ~~said~~ Lot 1; thence South 89 degrees 44' West along the  
20 South line of ~~said~~ Lot 1, 1032.51 feet to the Southwest corner  
21 thereof; thence North 1317.14 feet to the point of beginning, ~~said~~  
22 the tract containing 25 acres, more or less.

23 SECTION 13. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 221.2A, is  
24 amended to read as follows:

1       Section 221.2A. Effective April 16, 1997, the Oklahoma  
2 Department of Veterans Affairs is directed within the availability  
3 and limitations of its revolving funds, not otherwise encumbered or  
4 specified, to proceed with the development of a new ~~Oklahoma~~  
5 ~~Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home facility at Lawton, Oklahoma.

6       In addition to the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Centers~~ State Veterans  
7 Homes established by Sections 203, 221, 221.1, 221.2, 226 and 229 of  
8 this title, the facility known as the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~ State  
9 Veterans Home, Lawton/Ft. Sill Division, shall be operated as a  
10 ~~veterans center~~ State Veterans Home by the Department of Veterans  
11 Affairs located on a tract of land described as the E/2NE/4 SEC 33-  
12 2N-11 WIM, Comanche County, Oklahoma, and leased to the Oklahoma  
13 Department of Veterans Affairs by the Commissioners of the Land  
14 Office, State of Oklahoma.

15       SECTION 14.       AMENDATORY       72 O.S. 2021, Section 221.5, is  
16 amended to read as follows:

17       Section 221.5. For the determination of compliance with limits  
18 set forth in ~~The~~ the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act, each division  
19 of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs that operates a  
20 ~~Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home shall, if the division has a  
21 Certified Procurement Officer and makes purchases in compliance with  
22 internal purchasing procedures of the Oklahoma Department of  
23 Veterans Affairs that are approved by the Office of Management and  
24 Enterprise Services, be regarded as an individual purchasing entity.

SECTION 15. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 226, is amended to read as follows:

Section 226. There is hereby established, in addition to the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Centers~~ State Veterans Homes established by Section 221 of Title 72 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home at Clinton, Oklahoma, on the site of the former Western Oklahoma Tuberculosis Sanatorium. All persons serving as employees of the Western Oklahoma Tuberculosis Sanatorium under provisions of the State Merit System of Personnel Administration shall continue to serve as employees of the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home at Clinton, provided that such employees shall remain in the classified service. All employees hired by the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home at Clinton on or after ~~the effective date of this act~~ April 1, 1972, shall be under the Oklahoma Merit System of Personnel Administration, except one superintendent, one principal assistant or deputy, one private secretary, part-time physicians and other professional personnel engaged in clinical and consultant services. The buildings and equipment and the following described land of the Western Oklahoma Tuberculosis Sanatorium are hereby transferred to the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home at Clinton:

A strip, piece or parcel of land lying in the NE 1/4 of Section 26, T 12 N, R 17 W, in Custer County, Oklahoma, ~~said~~ the parcel of land being described by metes and bounds as follows:

1 Beginning at the point where the present east right-of-way line  
2 of US Highway 183 intersects the north line of ~~said~~ the NE 1/4 a  
3 distance of 2,142.3 feet west of the NE corner of ~~said~~ the NE 1/4,  
4 thence southwesterly along ~~said~~ the right-of-way line along a curve  
5 to the right having a radius of 2,914.9 feet a distance of 155.2  
6 feet, thence S 28 degrees 14' W along ~~said~~ the right-of-way line a  
7 distance of 106.5 feet, thence S 51 degrees 46' E along ~~said~~ the  
8 right-of-way line a distance of 10.0 feet, thence S 28 degrees 14' W  
9 along ~~said~~ the right-of-way line a distance of 279.0 feet, thence S  
10 21 degrees 46' E a distance of 180.0 feet, thence S 01 degree 38' E  
11 a distance of 608.5 feet, thence S 83 degrees 54' E a distance of  
12 2,323.6 feet to a point on the east line of ~~said~~ the NE 1/4, thence  
13 north along the east line of ~~said~~ the NE 1/4 to the NE corner of  
14 ~~said~~ the NE 1/4 a distance of 1,503.5 feet, thence west along the  
15 north line of ~~said~~ the NE 1/4 a distance of 2,142.3 feet to the  
16 point of beginning.

17 Containing 73.09 acres more or less.

18 SECTION 16. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2021, Section 229, is  
19 amended to read as follows:

20 Section 229. ~~A.~~ Until operations are transferred pursuant to  
21 subsection B of this section, there is hereby established, in  
22 addition to the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Centers~~ State Veterans Homes  
23 established by Sections 221 and 226 of this title, the ~~Oklahoma~~  
24 ~~Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home at Talihina, Oklahoma, on the

1 site of the Oklahoma State Sanatorium, Talihina, Oklahoma. All  
2 persons serving as employees of the Oklahoma State Sanatorium under  
3 the provisions of the State Merit System of Personnel Administration  
4 shall continue to serve as employees of the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~  
5 State Veterans Home at Talihina, provided that such employees remain  
6 in the classified service. All employees hired by the ~~Oklahoma~~  
7 ~~Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home at Talihina on or after ~~the~~  
8 ~~effective date of this act~~ July 1, 1975, shall be under the Oklahoma  
9 Merit System of Personnel Administration, except one manager, one  
10 principal assistant or deputy, one private secretary, part-time  
11 physicians and other professional personnel engaged in clinical and  
12 consultant services. The average number of full-time-equivalent  
13 employees utilized in the total operation of the ~~Oklahoma Veterans~~  
14 ~~Center~~ State Veterans Home, Talihina, shall not exceed one hundred  
15 fifty-three (153) during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1976. The  
16 buildings, equipment and land under the jurisdiction of the Oklahoma  
17 State Sanatorium, Talihina, are hereby transferred to the ~~Oklahoma~~  
18 ~~Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home, Talihina.

19 ~~B. Operations of the Oklahoma Veterans Center established~~  
20 ~~pursuant to this section shall continue until such time as~~  
21 ~~operations are transferred to the location identified pursuant to~~  
22 ~~the authority conferred upon the Oklahoma Veterans Commission under~~  
23 ~~Section 2 of this act.~~



1       SECTION 17.       AMENDATORY       72 O.S. 2021, Section 229.1, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3       Section 229.1. A. The Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs  
4 is authorized to plan, develop and construct two long-term care  
5 facilities for the following purposes:

6       1. To assume the operations of the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~  
7 State Veterans Home established in Talihina pursuant to Section 229  
8 of this title; and

9       2. To replace the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home  
10 established in Ardmore pursuant to Section 221 of this title.

11       B. For the two long-term care facilities authorized in  
12 subsection A of this section, the Department may construct new  
13 facilities or refurbish any existing facilities on property  
14 currently owned by ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state or on property  
15 purchased or donated from other sources, including but not limited  
16 to private owners, tribal entities or other governmental or  
17 municipal entities.

18       C. The location of the facility referenced in paragraph 1 of  
19 subsection A of this section shall be subject only to such  
20 geographical constraints as are imposed by the United States  
21 Department of Veterans Affairs to preserve and continue recognition  
22 and certification of the facility as a State Veterans Home. The  
23 facility referenced in paragraph 2 of subsection A of this section  
24 shall be located within the corporate limits of the city of Ardmore

1 or within five (5) miles of the corporate limits of the city of  
2 Ardmore.

3 D. The locations and sites of the two facilities referenced in  
4 subsection A of this section shall be determined by the Oklahoma  
5 Veterans Commission. The Oklahoma Veterans Commission may consider  
6 any and all criteria which, in its sole discretion, further the  
7 interests of Oklahoma veterans.

8 ~~E. Operations of the Oklahoma Veterans Center established in~~  
9 ~~Talihina pursuant to Section 229 of this title shall continue until~~  
10 ~~such time as its operations are transferred to the location~~  
11 ~~identified pursuant to the authority conferred upon the Oklahoma~~  
12 ~~Veterans Commission under subsection D of this section~~ The project  
13 constituting the construction of the replacement, long-term care  
14 facility for the Ardmore Veterans Home shall be exempt from the  
15 requirements of Sections 9030 through 9030.8 of Title 74 of the  
16 Oklahoma Statutes.

17 F. The proceeds received from the sale of the State Veterans  
18 Home in Talihina, along with all associated real and personal  
19 property, shall belong to the Oklahoma Department of Veterans  
20 Affairs and shall be used for any one or more of the following  
21 purposes:

22 1. To purchase land upon which the replacement, long-term care  
23 facility for the Ardmore Veterans Home will be located;  
24

1        2. To purchase any other personal property needed for the  
2 construction and furnishing of the replacement, long-term care  
3 facility for the Ardmore Veterans Home; and

4        3. To complete the state match for a grant offered under the  
5 State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program of the United States  
6 Department of Veterans Affairs.

7        SECTION 18.        AMENDATORY        72 O.S. 2021, Section 240, is  
8 amended to read as follows:

9        Section 240. There is hereby created a petty cash fund at the  
10 Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, at the ~~Oklahoma Veterans~~  
11 ~~Center~~ State Veterans Home, Ardmore, Oklahoma, at the ~~Oklahoma~~  
12 ~~Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home, Clinton, Oklahoma, at the  
13 ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home, Sulphur, Oklahoma, at  
14 the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home, Talihina,  
15 Oklahoma, at the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home,  
16 Norman, Oklahoma, at the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~ State Veterans  
17 Home, Claremore, Oklahoma, and at the ~~Oklahoma Veterans Center~~ State  
18 Veterans Home, Lawton/Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. The Director of the  
19 Office of Management and Enterprise Services and the Director of the  
20 Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs are authorized to fix the  
21 maximum amount of these petty cash funds and the Director of the  
22 Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall prescribe the  
23 rules and procedures for the administration of these petty cash  
24 funds.

SECTION 19. AMENDATORY 73 O.S. 2021, Section 301, is amended to read as follows:

Section 301. A. The Oklahoma Capitol Improvement Authority is authorized to acquire real property, together with improvements located thereon, and personal property, to construct buildings and other improvements to real property and to provide funding for repairs, refurbishments and improvements to real and personal property and for funding for the following capital projects in the following amounts:

1. Capital projects at institutions of higher education which are part of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education in a total amount not to exceed Forty-five Million Dollars (\$45,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

2. Construction of a History Center for the Oklahoma Historical Society in a total amount not to exceed Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the Oklahoma Historical Society. Of such total amount, the sum of Four Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,100,000.00) shall be transferred to the Capital Improvement Revolving Fund as reimbursement for improvements and renovations to the property made in preparation for the construction of the History Center;

3. Renovation of the Wiley Post Historical Building for occupancy by appellate courts in a total amount not to exceed Ten

1 Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be  
2 made by the Oklahoma Supreme Court;

3 4. Land acquisition, demolition, landscaping, environmental  
4 remediation and other costs associated with the Lincoln Boulevard  
5 Renaissance Project in a total amount not to exceed Thirteen Million  
6 Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$13,800,000.00) with debt retirement  
7 payments to be made by the Office of Management and Enterprise  
8 Services;

9 5. Construction of a new building for the J.D. McCarty Center  
10 for Children with Developmental Disabilities in a total amount not  
11 to exceed Ten Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars  
12 (\$10,300,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the  
13 J.D. McCarty Center for Children with Developmental Disabilities;

14 6. Funding for capital costs of a Technology Incubator Program  
15 for the University Hospitals Authority in a total amount not to  
16 exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) with debt retirement  
17 payments to be made by the University Hospitals Authority;

18 7. Funding for capital costs for the Native American Cultural  
19 and Educational Authority of Oklahoma in a total amount not to  
20 exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) with debt retirement  
21 payments to be made by the Native American Cultural and Educational  
22 Authority of Oklahoma;

23 8. Funding for capital costs for systemwide equipment for the  
24 Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education in a total

1 amount not to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) with debt  
2 retirement payments to be made by the Oklahoma Department of Career  
3 and Technology Education;

4 9. Capital projects for the Oklahoma School for the Deaf in a  
5 total amount not to exceed Six Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand  
6 Dollars (\$6,750,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by  
7 the State Department of Rehabilitation Services;

8 10. Capital projects for the Oklahoma School for the Blind in a  
9 total amount not to exceed Six Million Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand  
10 Dollars (\$6,750,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by  
11 the State Department of Rehabilitation Services;

12 11. Construction of a new ~~Veterans Center~~ State Veterans Home  
13 in Lawton, Oklahoma, in a total amount not to exceed Twelve Million  
14 Dollars (\$12,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by  
15 the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs;

16 12. Capital costs for financial management information systems  
17 in a total amount not to exceed One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00)  
18 with debt retirement payments to be made by the Office of Management  
19 and Enterprise Services;

20 13. Funding for the purchase of computer hardware and software  
21 for the Central Purchasing Division of the Office of Management and  
22 Enterprise Services in a total amount not to exceed Two Million  
23 Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by  
24 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services;

1        14.    Funding for implementation of the Boll Weevil Eradication  
2 Act in a total amount not to exceed Three Million Dollars  
3 (\$3,000,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the  
4 State Department of Agriculture;

5        15.    Funding for construction and other capital costs at Quartz  
6 Mountain Lodge and Arts and Conference Center in a total amount not  
7 to exceed Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars  
8 (\$3,500,000.00) with debt retirement payments to be made by the  
9 Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. Of such total amount  
10 appropriated pursuant to this section, the sum of Three Million Five  
11 Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000.00) shall be transferred to the  
12 Capital Improvement Revolving Fund as reimbursement for the  
13 construction and other capital costs at the Quartz Mountain Lodge  
14 and Arts and Conference Center; and

15        16.    The following capital projects to be funded by the  
16 obligations authorized herein in the amounts to be allocated and  
17 expended by the following entities and in the following amounts:

18	a.    the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission	\$2,990,000.00
19	b.    the State Department of Agriculture	\$5,044,194.00
20	c.    the Oklahoma State Bureau of	
21	Investigation	\$300,000.00
22	d.    the Oklahoma Capitol Complex and	
23	Centennial Commission	\$5,470,101.00

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1	e.	the Office of Management and	
2		Enterprise Services	\$975,000.00
3	f.	the Oklahoma Department of Commerce	\$1,250,000.00
4	g.	the Oklahoma Conservation Commission	\$100,000.00
5	h.	the <del>Oklahoma</del> Department of Corrections	\$260,101.00
6	i.	the State Department of Education	\$700,000.00
7	j.	the Oklahoma Educational Television	
8		Authority	\$250,000.00
9	k.	the Grand River Dam Authority	\$220,000.00
10	l.	the State Department of Health	\$735,000.00
11	m.	the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher	
12		Education	\$30,617,909.00
13	n.	the Oklahoma Historical Society	\$10,456,303.00
14	o.	the Oklahoma House of Representatives	\$46,434.00
15	p.	the Department of Human Services	\$2,010,101.00
16	q.	the J.D. McCarty Center for Children	
17		with Developmental Disabilities	\$485,101.00
18	r.	the Office of Juvenile Affairs	\$1,227,601.00
19	s.	the <del>Oklahoma</del> Department of Mental	
20		Health and Substance Abuse Services	\$2,075,000.00
21	t.	the <del>Oklahoma</del> Military Department <u>of</u>	
22		<u>the State of Oklahoma</u>	\$5,700,101.00
23	u.	the Department of Public Safety	\$1,194,000.00
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v.	the Oklahoma <del>Department of</del> Tourism and Recreation <u>Department</u>	\$10,565,005.00
w.	the Oklahoma Department of Transportation	\$5,241,412.00
x.	the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs	\$1,450,000.00
y.	the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education	\$13,845,303.00
z.	the Oklahoma Water Resources Board	\$1,850,000.00
aa.	the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation	\$608,000.00
bb.	the Office of Management and Enterprise Services	\$51,833,333.00
	GRAND TOTAL	\$157,499,999.00

The funds allocated in subparagraph bb of this paragraph shall be spent for capital projects which are important to the furtherance of state functions, as directed by the Governor.

B. The Authority may hold title to the real and personal property and improvements until such time as any obligations issued for this purpose are retired or defeated and may lease the real property and improvements to the agencies indicated herein. Upon final redemption or defeasance of the obligations created pursuant to this section, title to the real and personal property and

1 improvements shall be transferred from the Oklahoma Capitol  
2 Improvement Authority, to the agencies indicated herein.

3 C. For the purpose of paying the costs for acquisition and  
4 construction of the real property and improvements and personal  
5 property and making the repairs, refurbishments, and improvements to  
6 real and personal property, and providing funding for the projects  
7 authorized in subsection A of this section, and for the purpose  
8 authorized in subsection D of this section, the Authority is hereby  
9 authorized to borrow monies on the credit of the income and revenues  
10 to be derived from the leasing of such real and personal property  
11 and improvements and, in anticipation of the collection of such  
12 income and revenues, to issue negotiable obligations in a total  
13 amount not to exceed Three Hundred Twenty-five Million Dollars  
14 (\$325,000,000.00) whether issued in one or more series. The Office  
15 of Management and Enterprise Services is authorized and directed to  
16 expend funds from the Capital Improvement Revolving Fund in amounts  
17 sufficient to make required payments pursuant to such obligations  
18 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999. For subsequent fiscal  
19 years, it is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate to the  
20 indicated state agencies sufficient monies to make rental payments  
21 for the purposes of retiring the obligations created pursuant to  
22 this section. Provided, the Authority shall not issue any  
23 obligations pursuant to this section for the purpose of providing  
24 funding for the projects authorized in paragraph 16 of subsection A

1 of this section prior to January 1, 2001. For the fiscal year  
2 ending June 30, 2002, and thereafter, it is the intent of the  
3 Legislature to appropriate to the agencies administering the  
4 projects sufficient monies to make rental payments for the purpose  
5 of retiring the obligations created pursuant to this section.

6 D. To the extent funds are available from the proceeds of the  
7 borrowing authorized by subsection C of this section, the Oklahoma  
8 Capitol Improvement Authority shall provide for the payment of  
9 professional fees and associated costs related to the projects  
10 authorized in subsection A of this section.

11 E. The Authority may issue obligations in one or more series  
12 and in conjunction with other issues of the Authority. The  
13 Authority is authorized to hire bond counsel, financial consultants,  
14 and such other professionals as it may deem necessary to provide for  
15 the efficient sale of the obligations and may utilize a portion of  
16 the proceeds of any borrowing to create such reserves as may be  
17 deemed necessary and to pay costs associated with the issuance and  
18 administration of such obligations.

19 F. The obligations authorized under this section may be sold at  
20 either competitive or negotiated sale, as determined by the  
21 Authority, and in such form and at such prices as may be authorized  
22 by the Authority. The Authority may enter into agreements with such  
23 credit enhancers and liquidity providers as may be determined  
24 necessary to efficiently market the obligations. The obligations

1 may mature and have such provisions for redemption as shall be  
2 determined by the Authority, but in no event shall the final  
3 maturity of such obligations occur later than thirty (30) years from  
4 the first principal maturity date.

5 G. Any interest earnings on funds or accounts created for the  
6 purposes of this section may be utilized as partial payment of the  
7 annual debt service or for the purposes directed by the Authority.

8 H. The obligations issued under this section, the transfer  
9 thereof and the interest earned on such obligations, including any  
10 profit derived from the sale thereof, shall not be subject to  
11 taxation of any kind by ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state, or by any  
12 county, municipality or political subdivision therein.

13 I. The Authority may direct the investment of all monies in any  
14 funds or accounts created in connection with the offering of the  
15 obligations authorized under this section. Such investments shall  
16 be made in a manner consistent with the investment guidelines of the  
17 State Treasurer. The Authority may place additional restrictions on  
18 the investment of such monies if necessary to enhance the  
19 marketability of the obligations.

20 J. Insofar as they are not in conflict with the provisions of  
21 this section, the provisions of Section 151 et seq. of this title  
22 shall apply to this section.

23 K. To the extent that the provisions of paragraph 3 of  
24 subsection K of Section 85.4 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes

1 would otherwise be applicable, such provisions shall be inapplicable  
2 to assets acquired, for ownership or for use, through the proceeds  
3 from the obligations authorized by paragraph 16 of subsection A of  
4 this section.

5 L. The Legislature finds that several functions of state  
6 government are properly performed through the delivery of state  
7 services by use of political subdivisions. In order to facilitate  
8 the delivery of essential state services and in furtherance of state  
9 governmental functions by the construction, acquisition or  
10 improvement of assets which may be located within the corporate  
11 limits of a municipality of ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state or  
12 which may be located in unincorporated areas of the state and  
13 subject to the jurisdiction of a board of county commissioners, but  
14 which nonetheless serve an important function of state government,  
15 ~~the State of Oklahoma~~ this state finds that the use of the proceeds  
16 from the issuance of obligations pursuant to this section  
17 effectuates the performance of essential state governmental  
18 functions, including, but not limited to:

19 1. Fire protection services;

20 2. Roads, bridges and highways located either partially within  
21 or completely within the corporate limits of a municipality or in an  
22 unincorporated area of the state;

23 3. Historic preservation;

24 4. Recreational facilities;

- 1        5. Air transportation infrastructure;
- 2        6. Facilities for the housing and care of the elderly;
- 3        7. Juvenile delinquency prevention and treatment facilities;
- 4        8. Agricultural and horticultural event facilities;
- 5        9. Health care facilities, including, but not limited to,
- 6 facilities the primary purpose of which is the treatment or
- 7 prevention of communicable diseases or illness;
- 8        10. Promotion of tourism;
- 9        11. Promotion of economic development and business site
- 10 selection; and
- 11        12. Public safety.

12        M. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary,  
13 each and every agency, board, commission, department or other entity  
14 of state government as identified in paragraph 16 of subsection A of  
15 this section shall have the authority to acquire or to transfer such  
16 property, whether real or personal, tangible or intangible, as may  
17 be required to fully fund the projects and to acquire or improve the  
18 assets for which the proceeds from the obligations authorized by  
19 this section are available.

20        SECTION 20. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
21 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
22 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
23 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

1 Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2022.

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3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2022.

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9 Presiding Officer of the House  
10 of Representatives