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April 12, 2022

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR ENGROSSED  
HOUSE BILL NO. 1138

By: Pfeiffer and Lawson of the  
House

and

Kidd of the Senate

An Act relating to public finance; 62 O.S. 2021, Section 555, which relates to warrants; requiring the initiation of a stop-payment order under certain circumstance; authorizing the issuance of a second or duplicate check, warrant, or voucher without a stop-payment order if certain conditions are met; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2021, Section 555, is amended to read as follows:

Section 555. ~~The clerk of any county, city or town, is hereby~~  
~~authorized and empowered to issue~~ If a check, warrant, or voucher  
has been issued and is subsequently lost or destroyed, the treasurer  
of any county, city, or town shall initiate a stop-payment order or  
submit a positive pay file providing the payee, amount, and serial  
number of the check, warrant, or voucher to the depository prior to  
the clerk of the county, city, or town issuing a second or duplicate  
check, warrant, or voucher. If the treasurer of any county, city,

1 or town is unable to initiate a stop-payment order or submit a  
2 positive pay file providing the payee, amount, and serial number of  
3 the check, warrant, or voucher to the depository, clerks are  
4 authorized and empowered to issue a second or duplicate check,  
5 warrant, or voucher in lieu of any check, warrant or voucher that  
6 has been issued and subsequently lost or destroyed. ~~Unless the~~  
7 ~~treasurer of any county, city or town has evidence that a stop-~~  
8 ~~payment order has been issued, no second or duplicate check, warrant~~  
9 ~~or voucher shall be issued until an~~ if the following conditions are  
10 met:

11 1. An affidavit setting forth the facts as to the loss or  
12 destruction of the original check, warrant, or voucher has been  
13 filed with the clerk, ~~together with an;~~ and

14 2. An indemnifying bond running to the treasurer of the county,  
15 city, or town, or to the State Treasurer ~~of the State of Oklahoma,~~  
16 in double the amount of such lost or destroyed check, warrant, or  
17 voucher.

18 The conditions of such bond shall be to indemnify and protect  
19 the county, city, or town, or to the State Treasurer ~~of the State of~~  
20 ~~Oklahoma,~~ from any loss or harm occasioned or sustained on account  
21 of the issue of such second or duplicate check, warrant, or voucher.  
22 The bond shall be satisfactory to the treasurer of such county,  
23 city, or town, or to the State Treasurer ~~of the State of Oklahoma,~~  
24 who shall, upon being satisfied as to the sufficiency of the bond,

1 endorse approval thereon. The clerk and treasurer shall make such  
2 records in their respective offices as will, as nearly as possible,  
3 preclude any loss being sustained by the county, city, or town, or  
4 to the State Treasurer ~~of the State of Oklahoma~~, on account of the  
5 issue of any second or duplicate check, warrant, or voucher.  
6 Warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims submitted  
7 through the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise  
8 Services in payment of obligations of the state which may  
9 subsequently be lost or destroyed will be governed by the provisions  
10 of Section 34.81 of this title.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

12 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
13 April 12, 2022 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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