

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2976 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, Resolving Clause, the entire measure, and by  
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Amendment submitted by: Rick West

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2976

By: West (Rick)

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority;  
amending 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1707, which relates to  
acquisition of lands; providing that the Oklahoma  
Turnpike Authority shall acquire land under certain  
circumstances; providing timeline for notification;  
providing required information to be provided in the  
notice; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1707, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 1707. The Oklahoma Turnpike Authority is hereby  
authorized and empowered to acquire by purchase, or condemnation,  
land or such interest therein as in its discretion may be necessary  
for the purpose of establishing, constructing, maintaining and  
operating turnpike projects or relocation thereof, and facilities  
necessary and incident thereto, or necessary in the restoration of  
public or private property damaged or destroyed, including borrow  
areas, detours, channel changes, concession areas, public or private

1 access roads, and deposits of rock, gravel, sand and other road  
2 building material for use in turnpike construction and maintenance,  
3 upon such terms and at such price as may be considered by it to be  
4 reasonable and can be agreed upon between the Authority and the  
5 owner thereof, and to take title thereto in the name of the  
6 Authority, provided, that such right and title shall be limited to  
7 the surface rights only and shall not include oil or other mineral  
8 rights. Groundwater rights may be severed from surface rights, upon  
9 the written request of the owner of land to be acquired; however, an  
10 owner of groundwater rights shall not have a right of access to the  
11 Authority's acquired surface rights. No person may construct,  
12 maintain or operate any water well, drilling equipment or lines on  
13 or under the surface acquired by the Authority without express  
14 written approval of the Authority.

15 Further, the Authority shall be required to acquire, at an  
16 abutting property owners' request, the real property abutting any  
17 right-of-way property acquired for a turnpike project, up to and  
18 including one thousand (1,000) feet from the boundary of the right-  
19 of-way acquired for the project. At the time the Authority  
20 commences the process of any right-of-way acquisition for all or a  
21 portion of a turnpike project, whether by way of voluntary purchase  
22 or condemnation, the Authority shall provide written notice, via  
23 certified and first-class mail, of such intended right-of-way  
24 acquisition to any and all owners of real property abutting the

1 right-of-way to be acquired for the project. The written notice to  
2 abutting property owners shall include a statement that the abutting  
3 property owners may request acquisition of their real property  
4 abutting the right-of-way acquired for the turnpike project, up to  
5 and including one thousand (1,000) feet from the boundary of the  
6 right-of-way acquired for the project. The notice shall also  
7 include a mailing address for abutting owners to submit a written  
8 request for acquisition of abutting property. Any abutting property  
9 owner requesting acquisition of abutting property shall make such  
10 request to the Authority in writing, via certified and first-class  
11 mail, to the address designated in the Authority's right-of-way  
12 acquisition notice, no later than twenty (20) days after the date of  
13 receipt of the Authority's notice of the intended right-of-way  
14 acquisition. Upon receipt of a valid request for acquisition of  
15 abutting real property, the Authority shall proceed with the  
16 acquisition in the same manner, and on the same legal terms and  
17 conditions, as the Authority would proceed for the acquisition of a  
18 right-of-way for the turnpike project.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.  
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