

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1780

By: Seifried of the Senate

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6 An Act relating to the Department of Transportation;  
7 amending 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1001, which relates to  
8 the disposition of surplus property; directing  
9 certain notice to be available online; removing  
10 certain conditions on value of property; increasing  
11 time period for certain response; modifying  
12 procedures for sale of certain property; updating  
13 statutory language; and providing an effective date.

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

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SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2021, Section 1001, is

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amended to read as follows:

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Section 1001. A. The Transportation Commission shall have

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authority to sell any lands, or interest therein, which may have

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been acquired for highway purposes, or facilities necessary and

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incident thereto, and any equipment, materials, or supplies which in

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the opinion of the Commission are no longer serviceable, useful, or

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necessary for the state highway system or the operation of the

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Department of Transportation. Such authority shall be subject at

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all times to the continuing right to the use of the lands by any

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entity operating a sewer, water, or gas system, telephone or

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electrical services, and by public service corporations and rural

1 electric and telephone cooperatives for the construction,  
2 reconstruction, maintenance, operation, and repair of their  
3 facilities of service which may be upon the lands. However, any  
4 such land which was acquired by the Commission from a governmental  
5 subdivision as a gift, or for a nominal consideration, may be  
6 reconveyed to the governmental subdivision by the Commission, upon  
7 repayment by the governmental subdivision to the Commission of any  
8 consideration for the original conveyance.

9 B. Any surplus land which has been leased to a political  
10 subdivision by the Commission may be sold and conveyed to the  
11 political subdivision for the present fair market value as  
12 determined by a competent appraisal and the political subdivision  
13 may have credited toward the purchase price of any such property the  
14 lease payments which the political subdivision shall have previously  
15 made to the Commission.

16 C. Except as otherwise herein provided, the lands, materials,  
17 equipment, and supplies shall be sold for cash to the highest and  
18 best bidder after notice by publication in a newspaper published in  
19 the county where the land is situated, or where the materials,  
20 equipment, or supplies are located, in two consecutive weekly issues  
21 of the newspaper.

22 D. 1. If the land originally comprised a partial taking,  
23 leaving an abutting remainder, then prior to conducting such  
24 advertisement and solicitation of bids for the sale of any lands or

1 interests therein, the Commission shall notify the person, firm, or  
2 corporation which originally conveyed the property to the Commission  
3 or present successor to the original remainder that same has been  
4 declared surplus and is to be offered for sale. Such notice shall  
5 be sent by registered mail addressed to the last-known address of  
6 such person, firm, or corporation, with return receipt requested.  
7 Such notice shall also be made available on the website of the  
8 Department of Transportation. Such notice shall contain an offer to  
9 sell such property to such person, firm, or corporation for an  
10 amount not greater than the amount for which the property was  
11 originally obtained by the Commission ~~for a period of five (5) years~~  
12 ~~from the original taking. Following the five-year period, the sale~~  
13 ~~of such property may be offered at fair market value. The amount of~~  
14 ~~the Commission's requested purchase price based on such appraisal~~  
15 ~~shall be stated in the notice, and the~~ The person, firm, or  
16 corporation receiving such notice and offer shall be informed  
17 therein that unless such person, firm, or corporation notifies the  
18 Commission in writing within ~~thirty (30)~~ ninety (90) days from the  
19 date of receipt of the notice that the Commission's offer of sale is  
20 accepted by such person, firm, or corporation, the Commission shall  
21 proceed to sell the property at public auction as provided for in  
22 this section. After the expiration of ~~thirty (30)~~ ninety (90) days  
23 from the date of receipt of the notice by the person, firm, or  
24 corporation to whom it is addressed, if such person, firm, or

1 corporation has not notified the Commission in writing of the  
2 acceptance of the Commission's offer of sale, the Commission shall  
3 proceed to sell such property by public auction and no attempt to  
4 accept the Commission's offer by such person, firm, or corporation  
5 after the expiration of such ~~thirty (30)~~ ninety (90) days shall be  
6 honored by the Commission. However, such person, firm, or  
7 corporation may submit a bid at the public auction of the property  
8 in the same manner as any other qualified bidder.

9 2. If the land to be disposed of originally comprised a total  
10 taking, leaving no abutting remainder, ~~then such shall be sold to~~  
11 ~~the highest bidder, or as otherwise herein provided except that~~  
12 then, prior to conducting such advertisement and solicitation of  
13 bids for the sale of lands or interests therein, the Commission  
14 shall notify the person, firm, or corporation which originally  
15 conveyed the property to the Commission, or present successor. The  
16 notice shall be sent by registered mail addressed to the last-known  
17 address of such person, firm, or corporation, with return receipt  
18 requested. Such notice shall also be made available on the website  
19 of the Department of Transportation. The notice shall contain an  
20 offer to sell such property to such person, firm, or corporation  
21 subject to the same conditions as set forth in paragraph 1 of this  
22 subsection. If such person, firm, or corporation has not notified  
23 the Commission in writing of the acceptance of the Commission's  
24 offer of sale, and if the land to be disposed of originally

1 comprised a total taking of less than three (3) acres, leaving only  
2 one abutting property owner of record, then prior to conducting such  
3 advertisement and solicitation of bids for the sale of any such  
4 lands or interest therein, the Commission shall notify the sole  
5 abutting property owner of record to the taking that such has been  
6 declared surplus and is to be offered for sale. Such notice shall  
7 be sent by registered mail addressed to the last-known address of  
8 such person, firm, or corporation, with return receipt requested.  
9 Such notice shall also be made available on the website of the  
10 Department of Transportation. Such notice shall contain an offer to  
11 sell such property to such person, firm, or corporation subject to  
12 the same conditions as set forth in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

13 3. For the purposes of this section, the Commission shall not  
14 distinguish between persons from whom surplus lands or interest  
15 therein were acquired by negotiated sale or gift and persons from  
16 whom such property was acquired by condemnation proceedings.

17 E. The Commission may, in its discretion, exchange any such  
18 lands for other lands needed for highway purposes, or may lease or  
19 rent any lands which are owned by the Department, and are not  
20 immediately necessary for highway purposes, on such terms as the  
21 Commission determines for the best interests of the state.

22 F. On an annual basis, for every parcel of land:

- 23 1. Owned by the Transportation Commission; and  
24 2. Deemed surplus for ten (10) years or more,

1 the Commission shall submit a waiver request to the Federal Highway  
2 Administration of the United States Department of Transportation  
3 seeking exception from any federal regulation preventing the sale of  
4 such land for less than fair market value.

5 G. When the Department of Transportation determines that any  
6 equipment or vehicle becomes excess, obsolete, antiquated, unused,  
7 or otherwise surplus, the Department shall notify the Office of  
8 Management and Enterprise Services in writing that such equipment or  
9 vehicle is surplus. The notice shall identify:

10 1. The type, brand or make, and country of manufacture of the  
11 equipment or vehicle;

12 2. The age of the equipment or vehicle including but not  
13 limited to mileage;

14 3. Whether the equipment or vehicle is in good working  
15 condition or not;

16 4. If the equipment or vehicle is not in good working  
17 condition, whether it is in repairable condition at reasonable cost;

18 5. Original cost of the equipment or vehicle; and

19 6. Present value of the equipment or vehicle, if known.

20 The Office of Management and Enterprise Services, with any other  
21 notice of surplus property, shall notify the eligible individuals or  
22 entities as provided in subsection H of this section of the  
23 availability of the surplus property of the Department of  
24 Transportation.

1 H. Prior to any advertised public auction or advertised sealed  
2 bids to all individuals and entities eligible for participation in  
3 the surplus program, the Department, thirty (30) days prior to the  
4 advertised auction date, shall offer, at fair market value, the  
5 equipment or vehicles to the individuals or entities, in the  
6 following order of priority:

- 7 1. Other state agencies;
- 8 2. Political subdivisions of the state;
- 9 3. Rural fire departments located in this state; and
- 10 4. Rural water districts located in this state.

11 Any equipment or vehicles purchased pursuant to this subsection  
12 shall be made available to the purchaser on the date of purchase.

13 I. The Department is authorized to act on behalf of the  
14 Commission in transactions authorized pursuant to this section,  
15 except as may be otherwise provided by rule or regulation of the  
16 Commission; and, all prior transactions of the Department which are  
17 otherwise in conformity with this section are deemed authorized and  
18 approved.

19 J. When the Department of Transportation determines that any  
20 road or bridge materials or supplies become excess, unused, or  
21 otherwise surplus, the Department shall make such road or bridge  
22 material or supplies available to all governmental entities eligible  
23 for participation in the surplus program. The Department may be  
24 reimbursed for any cost incurred in the recovery or storage of such

1 road or bridge material or supplies. The governmental entity  
2 requesting the excess, unused, or otherwise surplus road or bridge  
3 materials or supplies shall retrieve such materials or supplies from  
4 the Department of Transportation within one hundred eighty (180)  
5 days from the completion of the project for which the materials or  
6 supplies are declared excess or surplus.

7 The Department, upon request of a local government, may transfer  
8 surplus bridge beams to the local government for use in the  
9 construction or repair of public roadway bridges. The local  
10 government shall not sell the surplus beams. Prior to the transfer,  
11 the local government shall cause the surplus beams to be inspected  
12 by a registered professional engineer. The local government shall  
13 assume full responsibility for the cost of transporting the beams  
14 and for the use of the beams including, but not limited to, the  
15 proper removal and disposal of lead-based paint. The Department  
16 shall retain the surplus beams for the requesting local government  
17 for a period not exceeding one hundred eighty (180) days, after  
18 which the Department may otherwise dispose of the surplus beams.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.  
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1 Passed the Senate the 5th day of March, 2024.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
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