## **Bill Summary**

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## **Bill Analysis**

SB 1435 clarifies that the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority shall construct and maintain toll roads and strikes language referring to highways. The measure also declares the intent of the Legislature to have the sole discretion to authorize and determine the location and overall route of a toll turnpike. The measure provides that all language referring to any toll turnpike location or route authorization shall be mandatory limits on the Authority's turnpike project powers, and not discretionary guidelines for the Authority. The Legislature shall not authorize the expansion or construction of a toll road unless it receives the results of a special election held among property owners whose land is situated within a 1-mile radius of the proposed route. Authorization shall only be allowed if a majority of property owners vote for the construction of such a route. Projects shall only be authorized for a 4-year period and, if they do not receive legislative approval in that period, shall be considered lapsed. Voters in the election must present proof of residence or ownership.

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