

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1469

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An Act relating to public finance; creating the Oklahoma Public Infrastructure Districts Act; allowing for the implementation of public infrastructure districts in Oklahoma following the passage of a proposed constitution amendment by the voters of this state; authorizing the Legislature to allow municipalities to approve the creation of these districts which may incur indebtedness and issue public infrastructure bonds for the payment of costs associated with public improvements; defining terms; prohibiting a public infrastructure district to be formed without certain conditions; stipulating manner by which a public infrastructure district operates within a municipality; allowing for a municipality to establish criteria in determining the approval or rejection of a public infrastructure district; providing for construction and function of a public infrastructure district's board upon organization; establishing criteria for the governing document to be provided to the municipality prior to formation of the public infrastructure district; requiring a vote for amendment to governing documents; authorizing public infrastructure districts to issue bonds for the financing of costs associated with proposed public improvements within the district; creating a public infrastructure district bond; establishing criteria by which a bond may be issued by the district; preventing certain conditions to occur on the issuance of the bond; allowing for legal recourse under certain conditions; prohibiting the sale of bonds under certain conditions; allowing for administrative fees to be assessed for certain associated costs; establishing mill rate pursuant to the Oklahoma Constitution; requiring notice to be filed with certain entities following formation

1 within certain timeframe; allowing for a fee to be
2 assessed for nonpayment not to exceed certain limits;
3 authorizing the retention of municipal authority over
4 certain conditions within the public infrastructure
5 districts; requiring inclusion of all existing and
6 connected infrastructure between a municipality and a
7 public infrastructure district; requiring transfer of
8 certain infrastructure free of liens or financial
9 encumbrances; providing for civil action under
10 certain circumstances; establishing procedures for
11 legal action to occur; requiring certain notice to be
12 provided to purchaser of property within a public
13 infrastructure district prior to sale by seller;
14 establishing criteria for notice; providing for
15 codification; providing an effective date; and
16 providing a conditional effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 39-201 of Title 11, unless there
20 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma Public
22 Infrastructure Districts Act".

23 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
24 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 39-202 of Title 11, unless there
25 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

26 The purpose of the Oklahoma Public Infrastructure Districts Act
27 is to implement the provisions of Section 9E of Article X of the
28 Oklahoma Constitution, as referred to the people for their approval
29 or rejection by the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of
30 Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution No. 16 of the 1st Session of the

1 59th Oklahoma Legislature. Upon passage of the state question, the
2 Legislature shall authorize municipalities to approve the creation
3 of public infrastructure districts, which may incur indebtedness and
4 issue public infrastructure district bonds created in Section 7 of
5 this act to pay for all or part of the cost of public improvements
6 within such districts. The cost of all indebtedness so incurred
7 shall be levied and assessed by the board of trustees of a public
8 infrastructure district on the property benefited by such
9 improvements. The board shall collect the special assessments so
10 levied and use the same to reimburse the public infrastructure
11 district for the amount paid or to be paid by it on the bonds issued
12 for such improvements.

13 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 39-203 of Title 11, unless there
15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 As used in this act:

17 1. "Board" means the board of trustees of a public
18 infrastructure district as created by the governing document;

19 2. "District applicant" means the person proposing the creation
20 of the public infrastructure district to the municipality where the
21 proposed public infrastructure district shall reside;

22 3. "Division" means a portion within a public infrastructure
23 district:

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- 1 a. that is relatively equal in number of eligible voters
2 or potential eligible voters to all other divisions
3 within the public infrastructure district, taking into
4 account existing or potential developments, which,
5 when completed, would increase or decrease the
6 population within the public infrastructure district,
7 and
8 b. which a member of the board represents;

9 4. "Governing document" means the document governing the public
10 infrastructure district presented by the district applicant to and
11 approved by the municipality before the creation of the public
12 infrastructure district;

13 5. "Public infrastructure bond" means a bond:

- 14 a. that is directly payable from and secured by ad
15 valorem property taxes that are levied:
16 (1) by the public infrastructure district that issues
17 the bond, and
18 (2) on taxable property within the district, and
19 b. that is the obligation of the public infrastructure
20 district, and
21 c. for which the ad valorem property tax levy repayment
22 of the bond does not exceed the mill rate limit
23 pursuant to Section 9 of this act for any fiscal year,
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1 d. such bonds may also be revenue bonds secured by, inter
2 alia, fees or revenues of a specific project, and also
3 may include tax increment financing bonds.

4 A public infrastructure bond shall not mean an unlimited tax
5 general obligation bond;

6 6. "Public infrastructure district" means an area of a
7 municipality with defined limits and boundaries which is created by
8 a vote that operates separate and distinct from the municipality and
9 subject to the provisions of this act including, but not limited to,
10 special assessments against the real property therein for the
11 financing or repayment of the costs of the public infrastructure
12 district's public improvements; and

13 7. "Surface property owner" means the owner or owners of record
14 of the surface of the property included in a proposed public
15 infrastructure district and may not be registered voters of the
16 property.

17 SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 39-204 of Title 11, unless there
19 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this act, a public
21 infrastructure district shall not be created unless:

22 1. A petition, if there are any registered voters within the
23 applicable area, is filed with the municipality that contains the
24 signatures of one hundred percent (100%) of registered voters within

1 the applicable area approving the creation of the public
2 infrastructure district; or

3 2. A petition is filed with the municipality that contains the
4 signatures of one hundred percent (100%) of surface property owners
5 within the applicable area consenting to the creation of the public
6 infrastructure district.

7 B. The municipality may impose limitations on the powers of the
8 public infrastructure district through the governing document.

9 C. 1. A public infrastructure district is separate and
10 distinct from the municipality in which it resides.

11 2. a. Except as provided in subparagraph b of this
12 paragraph, or as may be agreed upon via
13 intergovernmental agreement, any financial burden of a
14 public district:

15 (1) is borne solely by the public infrastructure
16 district, and

17 (2) is not borne by the municipality, county, or any
18 other public subdivisions.

19 b. Notwithstanding subparagraph a of this paragraph, the
20 governing document may require:

21 (1) the district applicant to bear the initial costs
22 of the public infrastructure district, and
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1 (2) the public infrastructure district to reimburse
2 the district applicant for the initial costs the
3 municipality bears.

4 3. Any liability, judgment, or claim against a public
5 infrastructure district:

6 a. is the responsibility of the public infrastructure
7 district, and

8 b. does not constitute a liability, judgment, or claim
9 against the state municipality, county, or any other
10 political subdivision.

11 4. a. (1) The public infrastructure district solely bears
12 the responsibility of any collection, enforcement,
13 or foreclosure proceeding with regard to any tax,
14 fee, or assessment the public infrastructure
15 imposes.

16 (2) The municipality does not bear the responsibility
17 described in division (1) of this subparagraph.

18 b. A public infrastructure district, and not the
19 municipality, shall undertake the enforcement
20 responsibility.

21 D. The municipality may establish criteria in determining
22 whether to approve or disapprove the creation of a public
23 infrastructure district including, but not limited to:

24 1. Historical performance of the district applicant;

- 1 2. Compliance with the municipality's master plan;
- 2 3. Credit worthiness of the district applicant;
- 3 4. Financing plan of the public infrastructure district; and
- 4 5. Proposed development within the public infrastructure
- 5 district.

6 E. 1. The creation of a public infrastructure district is
7 subject to the sole discretion of the governing body of the
8 municipality responsible for approving or rejecting the creation of
9 the public infrastructure district.

10 2. The proposed municipality bears no liability for rejecting
11 the proposed creation of a public infrastructure district.

12 3. Public infrastructure districts may have and exercise the
13 power to levy taxes.

14 SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 39-205 of Title 11, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. The governing body of the municipality that approved the
18 creation of a public infrastructure district shall appoint the
19 initial members of the board, in accordance with the governing
20 document.

21 B. 1. Unless otherwise limited in the governing document, the
22 initial term of each member shall be four (4) years.

1 2. At least half of all members of the initial board shall
2 serve six-year terms so as to provide for elections every two (2)
3 years.

4 3. A board may elect that a majority of the board serve an
5 initial term of six (6) years.

6 4. After the initial term, each member shall serve for four (4)
7 years.

8 C. 1. A board member may not be required to be a resident
9 within the boundaries of the public infrastructure if:

- 10 a. all of the surface property owners consent to the
11 waiver of the residency requirement,
12 b. there are no residents within the boundaries of the
13 public infrastructure district, or
14 c. no qualified candidate timely files to be considered
15 for appointment to the board.

16 2. An individual who is not a resident within the boundaries of
17 the public infrastructure district may not serve as a board member
18 unless the individual is:

- 19 a. an owner of land or an agent or officer of the owner
20 of land within the boundaries of the public
21 infrastructure district, and
22 b. a registered voter at the individual's primary
23 residence.

1 3. The district applicant, or spouse or immediate family member
2 of the district applicant, shall not be appointed to the board,
3 unless:

- 4 a. one hundred percent (100%) of the surface property
5 owners consent to the inclusion of the district
6 applicant, or spouse or immediate family member of the
7 district applicant to the board, or
- 8 b. there are no registered voters at the time of
9 consideration for appointments to the board.

10 D. 1. The governing document shall provide for a transition
11 from legislative body appointments by the municipality pursuant to
12 subsection A of this section to a method of election of registered
13 voters based upon milestones or events that the governing document
14 identifies.

15 2. Regardless of whether a board member is elected under
16 paragraph 1 of this subsection, the position of each remaining board
17 member shall continue to be appointed under subsection A of this
18 section until the member's respective division or board position
19 surpasses the density milestone pursuant to the governing document.

20 E. 1. Pursuant to paragraph 3 of this subsection, the board
21 may, in the board's discretion, but no more than every four (4)
22 years, reestablish the boundaries of each division so that each
23 division that has reached a milestone specified in the governing
24 document, as provided in paragraph 1 of subsection D of this

1 section, has, as nearly as possible, the same number of eligible
2 voters.

3 2. In reestablishing division boundaries under paragraph 1 of
4 this subsection, the board shall consider existing or potential
5 developments within the divisions which, when completed, would
6 increase or decrease the number of eligible voters within the
7 division.

8 3. The governing document may prohibit the board from
9 reestablishing, without the consent of the municipality, the
10 division boundaries as described in paragraph 1 of this subsection.

11 F. The public infrastructure district may not compensate a
12 board member for the member's service on the board.

13 G. The governing document shall:

14 1. Include a boundary description and a map of the public
15 infrastructure district, which may include, but not be limited to,
16 an estimate of the district's population;

17 2. Provide a description of proposed services;

18 3. Provide a financial plan for the proposed services, which
19 shall include the proposed operating revenue derived from tax
20 assessments, all proposed indebtedness for the district, and all
21 other necessary budgetary conditions;

22 4. A preliminary engineering and architectural survey showing
23 how the proposed services are to be provided;

1 5. A general description of the facilities to be constructed
2 and the standards of such construction, including a statement of how
3 the facility and services standards of the proposed public
4 infrastructure district are compatible with the facility and service
5 standard of any municipality or county within which all or any
6 portion of the proposed district is to be located;

7 6. A general description of the estimated cost of acquiring
8 land engineering services, legal services, administrative services,
9 and any other major expenses related to organization and initial
10 operation of the district;

11 7. State the number of board members;

12 8. Establish the electoral procedure of appointment for board
13 members as described in this section;

14 9. Detail any and all divisions within the public
15 infrastructure district;

16 10. Detail any and all applicable milestones established for
17 the public infrastructure district;

18 11. Provide notice of mill rate limit as prescribed by Section
19 ___ of Article ___ of the Oklahoma Constitution for the public
20 infrastructure district;

21 12. Establish any applicable limitation on the principal amount
22 of indebtedness for the public infrastructure district;

1 13. Provide notice of procedural process for the authorization
2 of the public infrastructure district to issue public infrastructure
3 district bonds as provided in this act;

4 14. Any funds created for any charges, fines, or fees that the
5 public infrastructure district may assess;

6 15. File annual reports with the municipality regarding the
7 public infrastructure district's action; and

8 16. Include other information that the public infrastructure
9 district or the municipality determines to be necessary or
10 advisable.

11 H. 1. Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 of this
12 subsection, the board and the governing body of the municipality may
13 amend a governing document by each adopting a resolution that
14 approves the amended governing document.

15 2. Any amendment to a property tax mill limitation requires,
16 provided the amendment to a property tax mill limitation does not
17 exceed the tax mill limit as provided in Section 9E of Article X of
18 the Oklahoma Constitution pursuant to the provisions of Enrolled
19 Senate Joint Resolution No. 16 of the 1st Session of the 59th
20 Oklahoma Legislature:

21 a. before the adoption of the resolution of the
22 municipality pursuant to paragraph 1 of this
23 subsection, the public infrastructure district shall
24 provide notice for a public hearing with at least one
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1 member of the governing body of the municipality
2 attending the public hearing, or

3 b. the consent of:

4 (1) one hundred percent (100%) of surface property
5 owners within the boundaries of the public
6 infrastructure district, and

7 (2) one hundred percent (100%) of the registered
8 voters, if any, within the boundaries of the
9 public infrastructure district.

10 SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
11 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 39-206 of Title 11, unless there
12 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

13 A. A public infrastructure district may:

14 1. Issue a public infrastructure bond to pay:

15 a. all or part of the costs of acquiring, acquiring an
16 interest in, improving, constructing, installing,
17 completing, or extending any of the public
18 improvements, facilities, or property for the benefit
19 of the public infrastructure district,

20 b. the acquisition, construction, installation, or
21 completion of public improvements related to the
22 provision of residential or commercial developments,
23 and

1 c. all or part of the capital costs related to the
2 financing, acquisition, construction, installation, or
3 completion of public transportation;

4 2. Enter into an interlocal agreement pursuant to Section 1001
5 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; provided, that the
6 interlocal agreement shall not expand the powers of the public
7 infrastructure district;

8 3. Acquire completed or partially completed improvements for
9 fair market value as reasonably determined by:

10 a. the board,

11 b. the municipality, if required in the governing
12 document, or

13 c. a surveyor or engineer that a public infrastructure
14 district employs or engages to perform the necessary
15 engineering services for and to supervise the
16 construction or installation of the improvements;

17 4. Contract with the municipality for the municipality to
18 provide administrative services on behalf of the public
19 infrastructure district, when agreed to by both parties, in order to
20 achieve cost savings and economic efficiencies, at the discretion of
21 the municipality.

22 B. A public infrastructure district may issue additional public
23 infrastructure bonds; provided, the public infrastructure district
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1 follows the procedures as described in subsection B of Section 7 of
2 this act for each additional bond issued.

3 SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
4 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 39-207 of Title 11, unless there
5 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

6 A. A public infrastructure district bond:

7 1. Shall mature within not more than thirty (30) years of the
8 date of issuance;

9 2. May not be secured by any improvement or facility paid for
10 by the public infrastructure district;

11 3. May not be subject to acceleration; and

12 4. May be refunded or refinanced in accordance with the
13 applicable laws of this state.

14 B. 1. A public infrastructure district may issue the public
15 infrastructure district bond:

16 a. with the consent of one hundred percent (100%) of
17 surface property owners within the boundaries of the
18 public infrastructure district and one hundred percent
19 (100%) of the registered voters, if any, within the
20 boundaries of the proposed public infrastructure
21 district, or

22 b. upon approval of a majority of the registered voters
23 within the boundaries of the public infrastructure
24 district voting in an election.

1 2. A public infrastructure district bond:

2 a. is not subject to the limitations on a general
3 obligation bond described in Section 411 et seq. of
4 Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and

5 b. is subject to a limitation, if any, on the principal
6 amount of indebtedness pursuant to the governing
7 document.

8 C. The public infrastructure district bonds may be issued in
9 denominations not less than Five Hundred Thousand Dollars
10 (\$500,000.00) and in integral multiples above Five Hundred Thousand
11 Dollars (\$500,000.00) of not less than One Thousand Dollars
12 (\$1,000.00) each.

13 D. There is no limitation on the duration of revenues that a
14 public infrastructure district may receive to cover any shortfall in
15 the payment of principal of and interest on a bond that the public
16 infrastructure issues.

17 E. A public infrastructure district shall not be considered a
18 municipality or county for purposes of Section 35 of Article X of
19 the Oklahoma Constitution.

20 F. The board, by resolution, may delegate to one or more
21 officers of the public infrastructure district the authority to:

22 1. Approve the final interest rate, price, principal amount,
23 maturity, redemption features, and other terms of the bond;

1 2. Approve and execute any document relating to the issuance of
2 a bond; and

3 3. Approve any contract related to the acquisition and
4 construction of the improvements, facilities, or property to be
5 financed with a bond.

6 G. Any person may contest the legality of the issuance of a
7 public infrastructure district bond or any provisions for the
8 security and payment of the bond after publication of the notice of
9 bond and resolution authorizing the bond. Notwithstanding the
10 foregoing, no legal or equitable action brought with respect to any
11 legislative acts or proceedings in connection with the authorization
12 or issuance of bonds by a public infrastructure district shall be
13 commenced after the statute of limitations has run in accordance
14 with the laws of this state.

15 H. The total amount of the public infrastructure district
16 indebtedness for all such divisions shall not exceed ten percent
17 (10%) of the forecasted assessed valuation of all taxable tangible
18 property in the public infrastructure district, as determined by
19 such market studies and forecasts as may be deemed acceptable to the
20 governing municipality in the governing document.

21 SECTION 8. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
22 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 39-208 of Title 11, unless there
23 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

1 A public infrastructure district may charge a fee or other
2 charge for an administrative service that the public infrastructure
3 district provides to pay costs associated with:

4 1. Acquiring, improving, or extending improvements, facilities,
5 or property; or

6 2. Legal fees.

7 SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
8 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 39-209 of Title 11, unless there
9 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

10 A. The property tax levy of a public infrastructure district,
11 for all purposes may not exceed 10 mills on the dollar of taxable
12 value of taxable property in the district pursuant to Section 9E of
13 Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution pursuant to the provisions of
14 Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution No. 16 of the 1st Session of the
15 59th Oklahoma Legislature.

16 B. 1. Within thirty (30) days after the day on which the
17 municipality adopts the resolution creating the public
18 infrastructure district, the board shall record a notice with the
19 county clerk in which property within the public infrastructure
20 district resides.

21 2. The notice shall include:

22 a. A description of the boundaries of the public
23 infrastructure district;

1 b. A copy of the governing documents on file at the
2 office of the municipality and applicable county
3 district court system; and

4 c. The maximum rate the public infrastructure district
5 may levy.

6 SECTION 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 39-210 of Title 11, unless there
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. In the event of nonpayment of any tax, fee, or charge that a
10 public infrastructure district imposes, the public infrastructure
11 district may impose a property tax penalty at an annual rate of no
12 more than seven percent (7%), in addition to any other lawful
13 penalty for nonpayment of property tax; provided, any penalty
14 assessed for nonpayment of a fee or charge shall not exceed the
15 nonpayment amount.

16 B. All funds derived from a penalty assessed for nonpayment
17 shall be deposited to a fund designated for use as provided in the
18 public infrastructure district's governing document.

19 SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 39-211 of Title 29, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. The municipality, as applicable, retains the municipality's
23 authority over all zoning, planning, design specifications and
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1 design approvals, and permitting within the public infrastructure
2 district.

3 B. The inclusion of property within the boundaries of a public
4 infrastructure district does not preclude the inclusion of the
5 property within any other local district.

6 C. 1. All infrastructure that is connected to another
7 municipality's system:

8 a. belongs to that municipality, regardless of inclusion
9 within the boundaries of the public infrastructure
10 district, unless the public infrastructure district
11 and the municipality otherwise agree, and

12 b. shall comply with the design, inspection requirements,
13 and other standards of the municipality.

14 2. The public infrastructure district shall convey or transfer
15 the infrastructure described in paragraph 1 of this subsection free
16 of liens or financial encumbrances to the municipality or county in
17 which it resides, or a portion of its boundaries resides, at no cost
18 to the municipality or county.

19 SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 39-212 of Title 11, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. A person who contests a tax or fee or any proceeding to
23 create a public infrastructure district, levy a tax, or impose a fee
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1 may bring a civil action against the public infrastructure district
2 or the municipality to:

3 1. Set aside the proceeding; or

4 2. Enjoin the levy, imposition, or collection of a tax or fee.

5 B. The person bringing an action shall bring the action in the
6 district court with jurisdiction in the county in which the public
7 infrastructure district is located.

8 C. An action under subsection A of this section is the
9 exclusive remedy of a person who:

10 1. Claims an error or irregularity in a tax or fee or in any
11 proceeding to create a public infrastructure district, levy a tax,
12 or impose a fee; and

13 2. Challenges a bondholder's right to repayment.

14 D. A bond issued or to be issued with respect to a public
15 infrastructure district and any tax levied or fee imposed becomes
16 incontestable against any person who has not brought an action and
17 served a summons in accordance with this section.

18 E. 1. This section does not insulate a public infrastructure
19 district from a claim of misuse of funds.

20 2. a. Except as provided in subparagraph b of this
21 paragraph, an action in the nature of mandamus is the
22 sole form of relief available to a party challenging
23 the issue of funds.

1 b. The limitation in subparagraph a of this paragraph
2 does not prohibit the filing of criminal charges
3 against or the prosecution of a party for the misuse
4 of funds.

5 SECTION 13. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 39-213 of Title 11, unless there
7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. Each owner of real property that sells real property inside
9 the boundaries of the public infrastructure district, concurrently
10 with or prior to the execution of a contract to sell the property,
11 shall provide to the purchaser of the property a paper copy or
12 electronic copy with the following:

- 13 1. The public infrastructure district's governing document;
- 14 2. The maximum debt service the public infrastructure district
15 is permitted to impose;
- 16 3. The estimate of the property taxes levied by the
17 municipality that are applicable to the property for collection
18 during the year in which the sale occurs; and
- 19 4. A copy of the most current county assessor's property tax
20 certificate applicable to the property as an estimate of the sum of
21 additional property taxes levied.

22 B. Along with the information required in subsection A of this
23 section, the seller shall include a notice with the following
24 statement:

1 "This estimate only provides an estimation of the amount of the
2 new property taxes that may be due and owed after the property has
3 been reassessed and, in some instances, reclassified as residential
4 property. This estimate is not a statement of the actual and future
5 taxes that may be due. First year property taxes may be based on a
6 previous year's tax classification, which may not include the full
7 value of the property and, consequently, taxes may be higher in
8 subsequent years. A seller has complied with this disclosure
9 statement as long as the disclosure is based upon a good-faith
10 effort to provide accurate estimates and information."

11 SECTION 14. This act shall become effective November 1, 2024.

12 SECTION 15. The provisions of this act shall be contingent upon
13 the approval of Section 9E of Article X of the Oklahoma
14 Constitution, as referred to the people for their approval or
15 rejection by the Secretary of State pursuant to the provisions of
16 Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution No. 16 of the 1st Session of the
17 59th Oklahoma Legislature and shall not become operative as law
18 otherwise.

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