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April 15, 2025

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1571

By: Lawson, Hill, Munson,
Townley, Pittman, and
Waldron of the House

and

Gollihare of the Senate

An Act relating to Route 66; amending Section 1, Chapter 412, O.S.L. 2022 (69 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 4040), which relates to the Oklahoma Route 66 Commission; removing expiration date of the Oklahoma Route 66 Commission; amending Section 2, Chapter 412, O.S.L. 2022 (69 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 4041), which relates to the Oklahoma Route 66 Commission Revolving Fund; modifying conditions for budgeting and expenditures of funds; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 412, O.S.L.
2022 (69 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 4040), is amended to read as
follows:

Section 4040. A. There is hereby created ~~until June 30, 2027,~~
the Oklahoma Route 66 Commission. The Commission shall be composed
of nine (9) members. The members shall serve as follows:

1. One member shall be appointed by the Governor and selected from the Commissioners of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, whose first

1 term shall be for one (1) year, and then renewable for three-year
2 terms thereafter;

3 2. One shall be the Executive Director of the Oklahoma
4 Department of Transportation, or his or her designee, whose first
5 term shall be for two (2) years, and then renewable for three-year
6 terms thereafter;

7 3. One shall be the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism
8 and Recreation Department, or his or her designee, whose first term
9 shall be for three (3) years, and then renewable for three-year
10 terms thereafter;

11 4. Three members shall be appointed by the President Pro
12 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate of which:

13 a. one shall be a citizen of a county containing a
14 portion of Route 66, whose first term shall be for one
15 (1) year, and renewable for three-year terms
16 thereafter,

17 b. one shall be a city manager, assistant city manager,
18 or economic development director for a municipality on
19 Route 66 with a population greater than ten thousand
20 (10,000), whose first term shall be for two (2) years,
21 and renewable for three-year terms thereafter, and

22 c. one shall be an Oklahoma citizen with expertise or
23 experience in historic preservation, whose first term
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1 shall be for three (3) years, and then renewable for
2 three-year terms thereafter; and

3 5. Three members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the
4 Oklahoma House of Representatives of which:

5 a. one shall be a citizen of a county containing a
6 portion of Route 66, whose first term shall be for one
7 (1) year, and then renewable for three-year terms
8 thereafter,

9 b. one of whom shall be a business owner whose business
10 is located along Route 66 within a city or town whose
11 population is less than ten thousand (10,000), whose
12 first term shall be for two (2) years, and then
13 renewable for three-year terms thereafter, and

14 c. one shall be an Oklahoma citizen with expertise or
15 experience in marketing, whose first term shall be for
16 three (3) years, and then renewable for three-year
17 terms thereafter.

18 B. The Commission shall utilize the Oklahoma Route 66
19 Commission Revolving Fund as authorized in Section ~~2~~ 4041 of this
20 ~~act~~ title.

21 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 412, O.S.L.
22 2022 (69 O.S. Supp. 2024, Section 4041), is amended to read as
23 follows:
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1 Section 4041. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury
2 a revolving fund to be designated as the "Oklahoma Route 66
3 Commission Revolving Fund", which shall consist of all monies
4 appropriated, transferred, or otherwise designated to the fund by
5 law. The revolving fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to
6 fiscal year limitations, and shall be under the administration of
7 the Oklahoma Route 66 Commission. All monies accruing to the credit
8 of said fund are hereby appropriated, and shall be budgeted and
9 expended in accordance with the provisions of subsection B of this
10 section for the purpose of preserving and developing Route 66 and
11 commemorating the Route 66 Centennial.

12 B. ~~No funds~~ Funds shall be budgeted or expended from the
13 Oklahoma Route 66 Commission Revolving Fund ~~prior to July 1, 2023,~~
14 ~~or prior to the approval by the Legislature of promulgated permanent~~
15 ~~in accordance with~~ rules adopted by the Commission ~~pursuant to the~~
16 ~~provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act.~~

17 C. The Oklahoma Route 66 Commission shall promulgate, pursuant
18 to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act, permanent
19 rules subject to approval by the Legislature, to implement:

- 20 1. Application procedures for projects submitting requests for
21 funds;
- 22 2. Processes for awarding of funding applications;
- 23 3. Details of the Commission's general duties;
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1 4. Reporting requirements of the Commission to the Legislature;
2 and

3 5. Any other rules necessary to carry out the purpose and
4 mission of the Commission as expressed in this act.

5 D. All unencumbered funds remaining in the Oklahoma Route 66
6 Commission Revolving Fund upon the expiration of the Oklahoma Route
7 66 Commission shall be transferred to the State Treasurer for
8 deposit in the General Revenue Fund.

9 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, WORKFORCE
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