

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 1385

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to roads, bridges and ferries; amending 69 O.S. 2011, Section 507, as amended by Section 575, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (69 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 507), which relates to the County Improvements for Roads and Bridges Fund; replacing Transportation Commission districts with circuit engineering districts as recipients of certain funds; modifying amount of certain funds; modifying purpose of funds; replacing Transportation Commission with certain statewide board as administrator and holder of certain funds; authorizing certain funds to be utilized to obtain certain federal matching funds; distributing funds for previously approved projects; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2011, Section 507, as amended by Section 575, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (69 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 507), is amended to read as follows:

Section 507. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund to be known as the "County Improvements for Roads and Bridges Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all appropriations and transfers made by the Legislature and the apportionments made

1 pursuant to subsection L of Section 1104 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma  
2 Statutes. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby  
3 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended beginning with the  
4 fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, and each fiscal year thereafter  
5 pursuant to subsection B of this section. Expenditures from said  
6 fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer  
7 against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the  
8 Office of Management and Enterprise Services for approval and  
9 payment.

10 B. ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the  
11 funds apportioned pursuant to subsection L of Section 1104 of Title  
12 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes on and after December 1, 2019, shall be  
13 in ~~equal~~ proportional amounts to the seventy-seven counties to be  
14 held by the statewide board and distributed to the ~~various~~  
15 ~~Transportation Commission~~ circuit engineering districts created  
16 pursuant to subsection A of Section 687.1 of this title with the  
17 boundaries established as of December 1, 2019, under which each  
18 respective county is located. The fund amounts received per county  
19 shall be proportionate to the number of county road miles located  
20 within the county. The funds shall be used for the sole purpose of  
21 construction or reconstruction of county roads or bridges ~~on the~~  
22 ~~county highway system~~ in the counties of each of the respective  
23 circuit engineering districts that are of the highest priority as  
24 defined by the ~~Transportation Commission~~ statewide board created

1 pursuant to subsection H of Section 687.1 of this title. Counties  
2 may accumulate annual funding for a period of up to five (5) years  
3 for a specific project, with such funding to be held by the  
4 ~~Transportation Commission~~ statewide board to the credit of the  
5 county project. Funds dedicated to a specific project may be  
6 utilized to obtain additional federal matching funds for any road or  
7 bridge project for which federal matching funds are available. If a  
8 specific project for a county was approved by the Transportation  
9 Commission prior to December 1, 2019, any funds apportioned after  
10 December 1, 2019, pursuant to this subsection shall continue to be  
11 used for the previously approved project. The ~~Transportation~~  
12 ~~Commission~~ statewide board shall promulgate rules for the  
13 administration of the process and the development of criteria for  
14 determining the level of priority for projects and include such  
15 projects in a five-year construction plan that will be updated  
16 annually. Projects in the five-year construction plan shall be  
17 contracted as provided by law and awarded by the ~~Transportation~~  
18 ~~Commission~~ statewide board or the various circuit engineering  
19 districts.

20 C. The fund shall be invested in whatever instruments are  
21 authorized by law for investments by the State Treasurer and the  
22 interest earned by any investment of monies from the fund shall be  
23 credited to the fund which shall earn the same, if there is any  
24 unexpended balance of such fund to which to credit the interest.

1 The interest credited herein shall be expended pursuant to this  
2 section.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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