



1 ~~House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate~~  
2 ~~for the sale of the headquarters building and connected~~  
3 ~~appurtenances of the Department located at 707 N. Robinson in~~  
4 ~~downtown Oklahoma City. The Commissioners of the Land Office shall~~  
5 ~~be responsible for the sale of the building. The funds from the~~  
6 ~~sale of the building shall be deposited in the Commissioners of the~~  
7 ~~Land Office Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 1011 of Title~~  
8 ~~64 of the Oklahoma Statutes. However, the sale of the building~~  
9 ~~shall not proceed if the Commissioners of the Land Office determine~~  
10 ~~the proceeds offered for the building are not financially~~  
11 ~~sufficient.~~

12 ~~B. A.~~ The Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma Tourism  
13 and Recreation Department, State Department of Health, Oklahoma Tax  
14 Commission, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Department of  
15 Labor and Department of Mines, in addition to the other powers and  
16 duties vested by Oklahoma law, shall be authorized to relocate  
17 agency offices to a site in Oklahoma County including but not  
18 limited to buildings or units, as defined by the Unit Ownership  
19 Estate Act provided in Section 503 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma  
20 Statutes, owned by the Commissioners of the Land Office.

21 ~~C. B.~~ The new office location or locations shall be occupied by  
22 the Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma Tourism and  
23 Recreation Department, State Department of Health, Oklahoma Tax  
24 Commission, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Department of

1 Labor and Department of Mines and shall consist of sufficient square  
2 footage to accommodate staff offices, program areas, staff  
3 conference areas, records and computer areas, general storage areas,  
4 security equipment storage areas, main room, reception areas and  
5 other necessary areas for operation of the state agencies.

6 ~~D. C.~~ C. The ~~Department of Environmental Quality,~~ Oklahoma Tourism  
7 and Recreation Department, State Department of Health, Oklahoma Tax  
8 Commission, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Department of  
9 Labor and Department of Mines are authorized to purchase real estate  
10 including but not limited to buildings or units, for no more than  
11 appraised value or, in the alternative, ~~the Executive Director of~~  
12 ~~the Department of Environmental Quality,~~ Executive Director of the  
13 Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, Oklahoma Tax Commission,  
14 Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Commissioner of Labor and Oklahoma  
15 Mining Commission are authorized to enter into a lease-purchase  
16 agreement for the acquisition of such buildings or units from the  
17 person or entity that will develop or build the buildings or units.  
18 In order to maintain the value of the purchased or lease-purchase  
19 property, each state agency identified in this section may establish  
20 a Capital Account Fund for the purpose of paying any proportionate  
21 share of common area maintenance, repair and maintenance of agency  
22 unit(s), fixtures and appliances contained therein, improvements and  
23 betterments for agency unit(s) and all required maintenance and  
24 repair work. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to

1 fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of monies transferred  
2 from the agency's standard appropriations. All monies accruing to  
3 the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted  
4 and expended by the agency for the purpose described in this  
5 section. For the purposes of the purchase or build-out of the new  
6 office location, the state agencies identified in this section are  
7 hereby exempted from the requirements of the Public Competitive  
8 Bidding Act of 1974 as provided in Sections 101 through 139 of Title  
9 61 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The state agencies identified in this  
10 section shall, either individually or through the Commissioners of  
11 the Land Office, be required to collect multiple bids from qualified  
12 contractors for the build-out of new office locations.

13 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-1-111 of Title 27A, unless  
15 there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. The Department of Environmental Quality is hereby authorized  
17 to remove or dismantle any appurtenances connected to the  
18 Department's headquarters at 707 N. Robinson in downtown Oklahoma  
19 City. Once the appurtenance is removed, the site may be used for a  
20 parking lot for employees of the Department of Environmental  
21 Quality.

22 B. The Executive Direct of the Department of Environmental  
23 Quality shall submit a report to the Speaker of the Oklahoma House  
24 of Representatives, and Speaker Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State

1 Senate within ninety (90) days of this act's effective date,  
2 detailing the timeline and cost for dismantling the appurtenance,  
3 along with the number of expected parking spaces to be constructed  
4 compared to the number of spaces the Department needs. The  
5 Executive Director shall also submit reports to the Speaker of the  
6 Oklahoma House of Representatives, and President Pro Tempore of the  
7 Oklahoma State Senate once construction begins and upon completion  
8 of the project detailing any changes from the initial report and the  
9 final outcome of the construction project.

10 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2023.

11 SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
12 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS  
17 AND BUDGET, dated 05/23/2023 - DO PASS, As Amended.

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