

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 1116

By: Cleveland of the House

and

Standridge of the Senate

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7 [ prisons and reformatories - authorizing the  
8 Department of Corrections to enter into an  
9 agreement for purposes of selling certain  
10 groundwater -

11 emergency ]  
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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 555.1 of Title 57, unless there  
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 The Department of Corrections is authorized to negotiate and  
19 enter into a water purchase agreement and execute necessary  
20 easements with a public nonprofit rural water district organized  
21 under the Rural Water, Sewer, Gas and Solid Waste Management  
22 Districts Act for purposes of selling at cost groundwater found  
23 beneath real property owned by the Department, on which the  
24 Lexington Assessment and Reception Center and the Joseph Harp

1 Correctional Center at Lexington, Oklahoma, are located, and for  
2 granting permission to the Department to amend the groundwater use  
3 permit the Department holds from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
4 to allow for use as a public water supply. The term of the water  
5 purchase agreement and easement shall be for not less than forty  
6 (40) years from the first date of delivery of water and as long as  
7 the groundwater is being put to a beneficial use. Any agreement  
8 entered into for the sale of water shall include a reserved right of  
9 usage by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

10 ~~SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation~~  
11 ~~of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby~~  
12 ~~declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and~~  
13 ~~be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

14 Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2015.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
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19 Passed the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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