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3 SENATE BILL 1279

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to apportionment of revenue; amending
8 68 O.S. 2011, Section 500.6, as amended by Section 4,
9 Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2013 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015, Section
10 500.6), which relates to tax on gasoline, compressed
11 natural gas and liquefied natural gas; setting
12 specified limit on apportionment of revenue and
13 providing for distribution of amounts in excess of
14 limit; providing an effective date; and declaring an
15 emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2011, Section 500.6, as
18 amended by Section 4, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2013 (68 O.S. Supp. 2015,
19 Section 500.6), is amended to read as follows:

20 Section 500.6. A. ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in
21 subsection E of this section, the tax of sixteen cents (\$0.16) per
22 gallon of gasoline that is levied by paragraph 1 of subsection A of
23 Section 500.4 of this title, the tax upon compressed natural gas
24 levied by paragraph 3 of subsection A of Section 500.4 of this
title, the tax upon liquefied natural gas levied by paragraph 4 of
subsection A of Section 500.4 of this title and the tax of two and

1 eight one-hundredths cents (\$0.0208) per gallon of gasoline that is
2 levied by subsection C of Section 500.4 of this title, and penalties
3 and interest thereon, collected by the Oklahoma Tax Commission under
4 the levy shall be apportioned and distributed monthly as follows:

5 1. The first Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00)
6 of the levy collected each month shall be deposited in the State
7 Treasury to the credit of the State Transportation Fund;

8 2. One and six hundred twenty-five one-thousandths percent
9 (1.625%) of the levy shall be remitted to the State Treasurer to the
10 credit of the High Priority State Bridge Revolving Fund as created
11 in Section 506 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

12 3. Sixty-three and seventy-five one-hundredths percent (63.75%)
13 of the levy shall be deposited in the State Treasury to the credit
14 of the State Transportation Fund to be apportioned as follows:

15 a. the first Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
16 (\$850,000.00) collected each fiscal year shall be
17 transferred to the Public Transit Revolving Fund,
18 created in Section 4031 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma
19 Statutes, and

20 b. the second Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars
21 (\$850,000.00) collected each fiscal year shall be
22 transferred to the Oklahoma Tourism and Passenger Rail
23 Revolving Fund and shall be used by the Department of
24 Transportation:

1 (1) to contract railroad passenger services,
2 including but not limited to a route linking
3 stations in Oklahoma and Tulsa Counties with
4 other primary points in the national railroad
5 passenger system and passenger rail service
6 within the state, and a route beginning at a
7 station in Oklahoma County and extending north to
8 the Kansas state line in Kay County, and

9 (2) to provide necessary facility, signaling, and
10 track improvements for those contracted services,

11 c. forty-one and two-tenths percent (41.2%) of the monies
12 apportioned to the State Transportation Fund shall be
13 used for any purpose provided for in Section 1502 of
14 Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes,

15 d. nine and eight-tenths percent (9.8%) of the monies
16 apportioned to the State Transportation Fund shall be
17 used to provide funds for the construction and
18 maintenance of farm-to-market roads on the state
19 highway system, and other rural farm-to-market roads
20 and bridges, and

21 e. any remaining amount of the apportionment shall be
22 deposited into the State Transportation Fund;

1 4. Twenty-seven percent (27%) of the levy shall be transmitted
2 by the Tax Commission to the various counties of the state, to be
3 apportioned and used as follows:

4 a. sixty-five and three-tenths percent (65.3%) of the
5 monies apportioned under this paragraph shall be used
6 on the following basis:

7 (1) forty percent (40%) of such sum shall be
8 distributed to the various counties in the
9 proportion which the county road mileage of each
10 county bears to the entire state road mileage as
11 certified by the Transportation Commission, and

12 (2) the remaining sixty percent (60%) of such sum
13 shall be distributed to the various counties on
14 the basis which the population and area of each
15 county bears to the total population and area of
16 the state. The population shall be as shown by
17 the last Federal Decennial Census or the most
18 recent annual estimate provided by the U.S.

19 Bureau of the Census,

20 b. twenty-three and one-tenth percent (23.1%) of the
21 monies apportioned under this paragraph shall be
22 distributed to the counties in the following manner:
23 One-third (1/3) on area; one-third (1/3) on rural
24 population, defined as including the population of all

1 municipalities with a population of less than five
2 thousand (5,000) according to the latest Federal
3 Decennial Census; and one-third (1/3) on county road
4 mileage, as last certified by the Department of
5 Transportation, as each county bears to the entire
6 area, rural population and road mileage of the state,
7 and

8 c. eleven and six-tenths percent (11.6%) of the monies
9 apportioned under this paragraph shall be distributed
10 to the various counties of the state based on a
11 formula developed by the Department of Transportation
12 and approved by the Department of Transportation
13 County Advisory Board created pursuant to Section
14 302.1 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The
15 formula shall be similar to the formula currently used
16 for the distribution of monies in the County Bridge
17 Program funds, but shall also take into consideration
18 the effect of the terrain and traffic volume as
19 related to county road improvement and maintenance
20 costs;

21 5. Three and one hundred twenty-five one-thousandths percent
22 (3.125%) of the levy shall be distributed to the various counties of
23 the state based on a formula developed by the Department of
24 Transportation and approved by the Department of Transportation

1 County Advisory Board created pursuant to Section 302.1 of Title 69
2 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The formula shall be similar to the
3 formula currently used for the distribution of monies in the County
4 Bridge Program funds, but shall also take into consideration the
5 effect of the terrain and traffic volume as related to county road
6 improvement and maintenance costs;

7 6. Two and two hundred ninety-seven one-thousandths percent
8 (2.297%) of the levy shall be distributed to the various counties of
9 the state for deposit into the County Bridge and Road Improvement
10 Fund of each county based on a formula developed by the Department
11 of Transportation and approved by the Department of Transportation
12 County Advisory Board created pursuant to Section 302.1 of Title 69
13 of the Oklahoma Statutes to be used for the purposes set forth in
14 the County Bridge and Road Improvement Act. The formula shall be
15 similar to the formula currently used for the distribution of monies
16 in the County Bridge Program funds, but shall also take into
17 consideration the effect of the terrain and traffic volume as
18 related to county road improvement and maintenance costs;

19 7. One and eight hundred seventy-five one-thousandths percent
20 (1.875%) of the levy shall be transmitted by the Tax Commission to
21 the treasurers of the various incorporated cities and towns of the
22 state in the percentage which the population, as shown by the last
23 Federal Decennial Census or the most recent annual estimate provided
24 by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, bears to the total population of

1 all the incorporated cities and towns in this state. The funds
2 shall be expended for the construction, repair and maintenance of
3 the streets and alleys of the incorporated cities and towns of this
4 state; and

5 8. Three hundred twenty-eight one-thousandths percent (0.328%)
6 of the levy shall be transmitted by the Tax Commission to the
7 Statewide Circuit Engineering District Revolving Fund as created in
8 Section 687.2 of Title 69 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

9 B. 1. The funds apportioned or transmitted pursuant to
10 subparagraphs a, b, and c of paragraph 4 of subsection A of this
11 section, subsection B of Section 500.7 of this title, subsection B
12 of Section 704 of this title, Section 706 of this title, and
13 paragraph 2 of subsection D of Section 707.3 of this title shall be
14 sent to the respective county treasurers and deposited in the county
15 highway fund to be used by the county commissioners for the purpose
16 of constructing and maintaining county highways and bridges.

17 2. The funds received by any county shall not be diverted to
18 any other county of the state, and shall only be expended under the
19 direction and control of the board of county commissioners in the
20 county to which the funds are appropriated. If any part of the
21 funds is diverted for any other purpose, the county commissioners
22 shall be liable on their bond for double the amount of the money so
23 diverted. This paragraph shall not prohibit counties from entering
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1 into cooperative agreements pertaining to the maintenance and
2 construction of roads and bridges.

3 3. Where any county highway has been laid out over a road
4 already constructed in any county by the use of money raised from
5 county bond issues for that purpose, either alone or by the use of
6 federal or state aid, or both, the county commissioners may set
7 aside out of the funds apportioned to that county, as provided in
8 this section, an amount of money equal to the value of any part
9 thereof, of the interest of such county in such highway or bridge,
10 which amount of money shall be considered by the excise board in
11 reducing the levy for the purpose of retiring the bonded
12 indebtedness and interest thereon of the county, and shall be used
13 for investment or deposit in the same manner as provided by law for
14 the disposition of other sinking fund money.

15 4. In all counties where the county excise board may find it
16 necessary, because of insufficient revenue, to maintain county
17 government out of the general fund, after a levy of ten (10) mills
18 has been made for any fiscal year, the county excise board may
19 appropriate out of any such funds apportioned to the county an
20 amount sufficient to pay the salaries of the county commissioners of
21 the county for the fiscal year.

22 5. Counties may use funds deposited in the county highway fund
23 for the purpose of matching federal or state funds, provided such
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1 funds are available, as necessary to secure assistance in the
2 construction or improvement of the county road system.

3 C. With regards to the apportionment of the levy as set forth
4 in paragraph 5 of subsection A of this section, paragraph 5 of
5 subsection A of Section 500.7 of this title, and subsection C of
6 Section 707.2 of this title:

7 1. If any county has an accrued balance of funds which were
8 appropriated to or otherwise accrued in a restricted road
9 maintenance fund, such funds shall be deposited directly to the
10 county highway fund of the county;

11 2. If any county has an accrued balance of funds which were
12 appropriated to or otherwise accrued in the County Road Improvement
13 Fund, or the County Bridge Improvement Fund, such funds shall, by
14 resolution approved by a majority of the board of county
15 commissioners and filed with the Department of Transportation, be
16 deposited in the county highway fund of the county;

17 3. If any county has an accrued balance of funds which were
18 appropriated to or otherwise accrued in the County Bridge and Road
19 Improvement Fund, ninety-nine percent (99%) of such funds shall be
20 remitted to the respective county treasurer for deposit in the
21 appropriate County Bridge and Road Improvement Fund to be used for
22 the purpose set forth in the County Bridge and Road Improvement Act.
23 The remaining one percent (1%) of such funds will be remitted to the
24 Statewide Circuit Engineering District Revolving Fund; and

1 4. If any county has an advanced funding agreement with the
2 Department of Transportation, the Department of Transportation shall
3 notify the Tax Commission as to the amount the county is obligated
4 to pay according to the terms of the advanced funding agreement.
5 The obligated amount shall be transferred each month by the Tax
6 Commission to the Department of Transportation to the credit of the
7 County Bridge and Road Improvement Fund from the funds apportioned
8 to the county pursuant to paragraph 5 of subsection A of this
9 section. A county may elect to increase the monthly amount to be
10 repaid pursuant to the advanced funding agreement from the funds
11 apportioned to the county, but a county shall not be permitted to
12 reduce the amount agreed to pursuant to the advanced funding
13 agreement.

14 D. The tax levied on gasoline pursuant to Section 500.4A of
15 this title, and the penalties and interest thereon, collected by the
16 Tax Commission under the levy shall be apportioned and distributed
17 on a monthly basis to the State Highway Construction and Maintenance
18 Fund for the purposes authorized by Section 1502 of Title 69 of the
19 Oklahoma Statutes.

20 E. In no event shall the total amount apportioned pursuant to
21 subsection A of this section exceed the total amount apportioned for
22 the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2013. Any amounts which exceed
23 this limitation shall be placed to the credit of the General Revenue
24 Fund.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2016.

2 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
3 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
4 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
5 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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