

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 55th Legislature (2015)

3 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE  
4 SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR ENGROSSED  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1116

By: Cleveland of the House of  
Representatives

7 and

8 Standridge and Sparks of  
9 the Senate

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11 CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12 An Act relating to prisons and reformatories;  
13 authorizing the Department of Corrections to  
14 negotiate and enter into an agreement with a public  
15 nonprofit rural water district for purposes of  
16 selling certain groundwater; stating additional  
17 purposes of agreement; specifying terms of agreement;  
18 requiring certain reservation of right; providing  
19 certain limitations on the amendment of the  
20 groundwater use permit; providing for codification;  
21 and declaring an emergency.

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

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

1       A. The Department of Corrections is authorized to negotiate and  
2 enter into a water purchase agreement and execute necessary  
3 easements with a public nonprofit rural water district organized  
4 under the Rural Water, Sewer, Gas and Solid Waste Management  
5 Districts Act for purposes of selling at cost groundwater found  
6 beneath real property owned by the Department, on which the  
7 Lexington Assessment and Reception Center and the Joseph Harp  
8 Correctional Center at Lexington, Oklahoma, are located, and for  
9 granting permission to the Department to amend the groundwater use  
10 permit the Department holds from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board  
11 to allow for use as a public water supply in Cleveland County. The  
12 term of the water purchase agreement and easement shall be for not  
13 less than forty (40) years from the first date of delivery of water  
14 and as long as the groundwater is being put to a beneficial use.  
15 Any agreement entered into for the sale of water shall include a  
16 reserved right of usage by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

17       B. Any amendment of the groundwater use permit as authorized by  
18 subsection A of this section shall be obtained from the Oklahoma  
19 Water Resources Board and shall not exceed the proportionate part of  
20 the maximum annual yield of groundwater allocated to each acre of  
21 land overlying the groundwater basin or subbasin as established by  
22 the Board.

23       SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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