

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 2ND CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
4 SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1116

By: Cleveland of the House

6 and

7 Standridge and Sparks of
8 the Senate

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11 2ND 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.

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

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

23 A. The Department of Corrections is authorized to negotiate and
24 enter into a water purchase agreement and execute necessary

1 easements with a public nonprofit rural water district organized
2 under the Rural Water, Sewer, Gas and Solid Waste Management
3 Districts Act for purposes of selling at cost groundwater found
4 beneath real property owned by the Department and for granting
5 permission to the Department to amend the groundwater use permit the
6 Department holds from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to allow
7 for use as a public water supply. The term of the water purchase
8 agreement and easement shall be for not less than forty (40) years
9 from the first date of delivery of water and as long as the
10 groundwater is being put to a beneficial use. Any agreement entered
11 into for the sale of water shall include a reserved right of usage
12 by the Oklahoma Department of Corrections.

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

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

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