

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 834

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to payroll deductions; amending 62  
8 O.S. 2011, Section 34.70, as amended by Section 393,  
9 Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (62 O.S. Supp. 2014, Section  
10 34.70), which relates to voluntary payroll  
deductions; removing authorization for payroll  
deductions to certain financial institutions; and  
providing an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2011, Section 34.70, as  
15 amended by Section 393, Chapter 304, O.S.L. 2012 (62 O.S. Supp.  
16 2014, Section 34.70), is amended to read as follows:

17 Section 34.70. A. ~~1. Upon the request of a state employee, a~~  
18 ~~state agency shall make voluntary payroll deductions for the~~  
19 ~~employee to any credit union, bank, or savings association having an~~  
20 ~~office in this state.~~

21 ~~2. If the governing body of any county, municipality, or school~~  
22 ~~district provides for voluntary payroll deductions to a credit union~~  
23 ~~serving the employees of the county, municipality, or school~~  
24 ~~district, it shall provide voluntary payroll deductions to any~~

1 ~~credit union, bank, or savings association having an office in this~~  
2 ~~state which has a minimum participation of twenty percent (20%) of~~  
3 ~~the employees of the county, municipality, or school district.~~

4 ~~B.~~ Upon the request of a state employee and pursuant to  
5 procedures established by the Director of the Office of Management  
6 and Enterprise Services, a state agency shall make payroll  
7 deductions for:

8 1. The payment of any insurance premiums due a private  
9 insurance organization with a minimum participation of five hundred  
10 (500) state employees for life, accident, and health insurance which  
11 is supplemental to that provided for by the state;

12 2. The payment of any insurance premiums due a private  
13 insurance organization or service company which is regulated by the  
14 State Insurance Commissioner and with a minimum participation of  
15 five hundred (500) state employees for legal services;

16 3. Premiums or payments for retirement plans with a minimum  
17 participation of five hundred (500) state employees for retirement  
18 plans which are supplemental to that provided for by the state;

19 4. Salary adjustment agreements included in a flexible benefits  
20 plan as authorized by the State Employees Flexible Benefits Act;

21 5. Membership dues utilized for benefits, goods or services  
22 provided by the Oklahoma Public Employees Association to the  
23 organization's membership or any other statewide association limited  
24 to state employee membership with a minimum membership of two

1 thousand (2,000) dues-paying members. For purposes of this  
2 paragraph, state agencies shall accept online or electronically  
3 submitted forms from the Oklahoma Public Employees Association and  
4 other state employee associations. The Office of Management and  
5 Enterprise Services shall develop and implement a verification  
6 process for online or electronically submitted forms which may  
7 include the use of electronic signature technology or other process  
8 as determined appropriate;

9 6. Contributions to any foundation organized pursuant to 26  
10 U.S.C., Section 501(c)(3) of the Oklahoma Public Employees  
11 Association or any other statewide association limited to state  
12 employee membership with a minimum membership of two thousand  
13 (2,000) dues-paying members;

14 7. Payments to a college savings account administered under the  
15 Oklahoma College Savings Plan Act pursuant to Section 3970.1 et seq.  
16 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

17 8. Subscriptions to the Oklahoma Today magazine published by  
18 the State of Oklahoma through the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
19 Department; and

20 9. The payment of any insurance premiums due a private  
21 insurance organization, which is regulated by the State Insurance  
22 Commission, for an Oklahoma Long-Term Care Partnership Program  
23 approved policy pursuant to the Oklahoma Long-Term Care Partnership  
24 Act.

1       ~~C.~~ B. The administrative costs of processing payroll deductions  
2 or administering salary adjustment agreements for insurance premiums  
3 as provided for in subsection B of this section shall be a charge of  
4 two percent (2%) of the gross annual premiums for insurance plans.  
5 The administrative costs of processing payroll deductions or  
6 administering salary adjustment agreements for payments for  
7 retirement plans as provided for in subsection B of this section  
8 shall be one percent (1%) of the gross annual payments for  
9 retirement plans. These charges shall be collected monthly from the  
10 private insurance or retirement plan organization by the Office of  
11 Management and Enterprise Services and shall be deposited to the  
12 credit of the General Revenue Fund. Provided that these costs shall  
13 not be collected from state employees or state agencies unless  
14 otherwise directed in the Oklahoma State Finance Act.

15       ~~D.~~ C. Any statewide association granted a payroll deduction  
16 prior to January 1, 2008, shall be exempt from the minimum state  
17 employee membership requirement.

18       ~~E.~~ D. Approval of a payroll deduction or salary adjustment  
19 agreement for any insurance organization, line of coverage or policy  
20 shall not be construed as an assumption of liability, for the term  
21 of policy or the performance of the insurance organization, by this  
22 state, or any of its agencies or any officer or employee thereof.  
23 Contracts for such insurance shall be in all respects subject to the  
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1 insurance laws of this state, and shall be enforceable solely  
2 pursuant to such laws.

3 ~~F.~~ E. The Oklahoma Employment Security Commission is authorized  
4 to deduct from the wages or salary of its employees the employees'  
5 contribution to the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission  
6 Retirement Plan.

7 ~~G.~~ F. Payroll deductions shall be made for premium payments for  
8 group insurance for retired members or beneficiaries of any state-  
9 supported retirement system upon proper authorization given by the  
10 member or beneficiary to the board from which the member or  
11 beneficiary is currently receiving retirement benefits.

12 ~~H.~~ G. Upon request of instructional personnel employed at  
13 either the Oklahoma School for the Blind or the Oklahoma School for  
14 the Deaf and pursuant to procedures established by the Director of  
15 the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, the Commission for  
16 Rehabilitation Services shall make payroll deductions for membership  
17 dues in any statewide educational employee organization or  
18 association.

19 ~~I.~~ H. Upon the request of a state employee of the Department of  
20 Corrections, the Department shall make voluntary payroll deductions  
21 for the employee to the Correctional Peace Officer Foundation.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

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