

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2910

By: Wallace and Hilbert of the
House

6 and

7 Thompson and Hall of the
8 Senate

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12 An Act relating to agency office space expenses;
13 amending Section 1, Chapter 117, O.S.L. 2020 (27A
14 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 2-3-110); authorizing the
15 creation of Capital Account Funds for listed
16 agencies; providing for expenditure of fund on
17 building maintenance and repair; providing
18 expenditure procedure; providing an effective date;
19 and declaring an emergency.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 117, O.S.L.
22 2020 (27A O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 2-3-110), is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 Section 2-3-110. A. The Department of Environmental Quality
Executive Director shall submit an application to the Speaker of the

1 House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
2 for the sale of the headquarters building and connected
3 appurtenances of the Department located at 707 N. Robinson in
4 downtown Oklahoma City. The Commissioners of the Land Office shall
5 be responsible for the sale of the building. The funds from the
6 sale of the building shall be deposited in the Commissioners of the
7 Land Office Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 1011 of Title
8 64 of the Oklahoma Statutes. However, the sale of the building
9 shall not proceed if the Commissioners of the Land Office determine
10 the proceeds offered for the building are not financially
11 sufficient.

12 B. The Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma Tourism
13 and Recreation Department, State Department of Health, Oklahoma Tax
14 Commission, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Department of
15 Labor and Department of Mines, in addition to the other powers and
16 duties vested by Oklahoma law, shall be authorized to relocate
17 agency offices to a site in Oklahoma County including but not
18 limited to buildings or units, as defined by the Unit Ownership
19 Estate Act provided in Section 503 of Title 60 of the Oklahoma
20 Statutes, owned by the Commissioners of the Land Office.

21 C. The new office location or locations shall be occupied by
22 the Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma Tourism and
23 Recreation Department, State Department of Health, Oklahoma Tax
24 Commission, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Department of

1 Labor and Department of Mines and shall consist of sufficient square
2 footage to accommodate staff offices, program areas, staff
3 conference areas, records and computer areas, general storage areas,
4 security equipment storage areas, main room, reception areas and
5 other necessary areas for operation of the state agencies.

6 D. The Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma Tourism
7 and Recreation Department, State Department of Health, Oklahoma Tax
8 Commission, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Department of
9 Labor and Department of Mines are authorized to purchase real estate
10 including but not limited to buildings or units, for no more than
11 appraised value or, in the alternative, the Executive Director of
12 the Department of Environmental Quality, Executive Director of the
13 Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, Oklahoma Tax Commission,
14 Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Commissioner of Labor and Oklahoma
15 Mining Commission are authorized to enter into a lease-purchase
16 agreement for the acquisition of such buildings or units from the
17 person or entity that will develop or build the buildings or units.
18 In order to maintain the value of the purchased or lease-purchase
19 property, each state agency identified in this section may establish
20 a Capital Account Fund for the purpose of paying any proportionate
21 share of common area maintenance, repair and maintenance of agency
22 unit(s), fixtures and appliances contained therein, improvements and
23 betterments for agency unit(s) and all required maintenance and
24 repair work. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to

1 fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of monies transferred
2 from the agency's standard appropriations. All monies accruing to
3 the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted
4 and expended by the agency for the purpose described in this
5 section. For the purposes of the purchase or build-out of the new
6 office location, the state agencies identified in this section are
7 hereby exempted from the requirements of the Public Competitive
8 Bidding Act of 1974 as provided in Sections 101 through 139 of Title
9 61 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The state agencies identified in this
10 section shall, either individually or through the Commissioners of
11 the Land Office, be required to collect multiple bids from qualified
12 contractors for the build-out of new office locations.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

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

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