

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2910

By: Wallace and Hilbert of the
House

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4 Thompson and Hall of the
5 Senate

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8 An Act relating to agency office space expenses;
9 amending Section 1, Chapter 117, O.S.L. 2020 (27A
10 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 2-3-110), which relates to
11 the Department of Environmental Quality; authorizing
12 the creation of Capital Account Funds for listed
agencies; providing for expenditure of fund on
building maintenance and repair; providing
expenditure procedure; providing an effective date;
and declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 117, O.S.L.
17 2020 (27A O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 2-3-110), is amended to read as
18 follows:

19 Section 2-3-110. A. The Department of Environmental Quality
20 Executive Director shall submit an application to the Speaker of the
21 House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate
22 for the sale of the headquarters building and connected
23 appurtenances of the Department located at 707 N. Robinson in
24 downtown Oklahoma City. The Commissioners of the Land Office shall

1 be responsible for the sale of the building. The funds from the
2 sale of the building shall be deposited in the Commissioners of the
3 Land Office Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 1011 of Title
4 64 of the Oklahoma Statutes. However, the sale of the building
5 shall not proceed if the Commissioners of the Land Office determine
6 the proceeds offered for the building are not financially
7 sufficient.

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

17 C. The new office location or locations shall be occupied by
18 the Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma Tourism and
19 Recreation Department, State Department of Health, Oklahoma Tax
20 Commission, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Department of
21 Labor and Department of Mines and shall consist of sufficient square
22 footage to accommodate staff offices, program areas, staff
23 conference areas, records and computer areas, general storage areas,
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1 security equipment storage areas, main room, reception areas and
2 other necessary areas for operation of the state agencies.

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

1 and expended by the agency for the purpose described in this
2 section. For the purposes of the purchase or build-out of the new
3 office location, the state agencies identified in this section are
4 hereby exempted from the requirements of the Public Competitive
5 Bidding Act of 1974 as provided in Sections 101 through 139 of Title
6 61 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The state agencies identified in this
7 section shall, either individually or through the Commissioners of
8 the Land Office, be required to collect multiple bids from qualified
9 contractors for the build-out of new office locations.

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

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

15 Passed the House of Representatives the 18th day of May, 2021.

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Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

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Passed the Senate the ___ day of _____, 2021.

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