

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 1895

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to counties; directing that counties
8 give priority to veteran operated business entities;
9 directing that counties shall provide certain
10 utilities; placing limitations; exempting certain
11 properties; providing for codification; and providing
12 an effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 440 of Title 19, unless there is
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. It shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners of
18 each county, with regard to the premises of county property under
19 their respective jurisdictions or the premises of property leased by
20 them in whole or in part, to give priority to vending facilities
21 operated by business entities whose majority equity ownership is
22 owned by one or more veterans. Proof of veteran status and business
23 ownership shall be provided to the board of county commissioners.

24 B. Counties shall make available free of any charge, fee,
assessment, or commission on sales adequate space with sufficient

1 electrical, plumbing, heating, and ventilation outlets for the
2 operation of a vending facility on satisfactory sites. Counties
3 shall provide free of any charge, fee, assessment, or commission on
4 sales of the use of utilities needed to operate a vending facility.

5 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the
6 operation of fairgrounds, exposition centers, trade/consumer show
7 facilities, parks, golf courses, hospitals operated by county trust
8 authorities, or commissaries for the benefit of persons lawfully
9 confined in the county jail under the custody of the county sheriff.

10 D. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit counties
11 from deciding to grant licensed blind operators priority pursuant to
12 Section 73 of Title 7 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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