An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2840

By: Wallace of the House

and

Thompson of the Senate

An Act relating to the Department of Environmental Quality; requiring submission of application for sale of certain building and appurtenances to certain persons; assigning Commissioners of the Land Office responsibility for sale; directing deposit of funds from sale; prohibiting sale in certain circumstance; authorizing certain entities to relocate offices under certain circumstances; providing for agency occupation and personnel relocation for certain agencies; authorizing certain agencies to enter lease-purchase agreements under certain conditions; exempting certain agencies from Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974 for certain purpose; requiring agencies to collect bids in certain circumstance; and providing for codification.

SUBJECT: State office building and office locations

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2-3-110 of Title 27A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Department of Environmental Quality Executive Director shall submit an application to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate for the sale of the headquarters building and connected appurtenances of the Department located at 707 N. Robinson in downtown Oklahoma City. The Commissioners of the Land Office shall be responsible for the
sale of the building. The funds from the sale of the building shall be deposited in the Commissioners of the Land Office Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 1011 of Title 64 of the Oklahoma Statutes. However, the sale of the building shall not proceed if the Commissioners of the Land Office determine the proceeds offered for the building are not financially sufficient.

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

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

D. The Department of Environmental Quality, Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, State Department of Health, Oklahoma Tax Commission, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Oklahoma Department of Labor and Department of Mines are authorized to purchase real estate including but not limited to buildings or units, for no more than appraised value or, in the alternative, the Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, Oklahoma Tax Commission, Oklahoma Water Resources Board, Commissioner of Labor and Oklahoma Mining Commission are authorized to enter into a lease-purchase agreement for the acquisition of such buildings or units from the person or entity that will develop or build the buildings or units. For the purposes of the purchase or build-out of the new office location, the state agencies identified in this section are hereby exempted from the requirements of the Public Competitive Bidding Act of 1974 as provided in Sections 101 through 139 of Title 61 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The state agencies identified in this section shall, either individually or through the Commissioners of the Land
Office, be required to collect multiple bids from qualified contractors for the build-out of new office locations.
Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of May 2020.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 15th day of May, 2020.

Stephanie Bice
Presiding Officer of the Senate

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Received by the Office of the Governor this 16th day of May, 2020, at 2:30 o'clock A.M.

By: [Signature] Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma this 21st day of May, 2020, at 10:06 o'clock A.M.

Governor of the State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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By: [Signature]