

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 953

By: Griffin of the Senate

3 and

4 Wallace of the House

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6 An Act relating to tax credits; amending Section 1,  
7 Chapter 421, O.S.L. 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section  
8 2357.403), which relates to the Oklahoma Affordable  
9 Housing Act; modifying definition; modifying  
10 carryforward period; and providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 421, O.S.L.  
13 2014 (68 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 2357.403), is amended to read as  
14 follows:

15 Section 2357.403. A. This act shall be known and may be cited  
16 as the "Oklahoma Affordable Housing Act".

17 B. As used in this section:

18 1. "Allocation year" means the year for which the Oklahoma  
19 Housing Finance Agency allocates credits pursuant to this section;

20 2. "Eligibility statement" means a statement authorized and  
21 issued by the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency certifying that a  
22 given project qualifies for the Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax  
23 Credit authorized by this section. The Oklahoma Housing Finance  
24 Agency, under Title 330, Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency, Chapter

1 36, Affordable Housing Tax Credit Program Rules, shall promulgate  
2 rules establishing criteria upon which the eligibility statements  
3 will be issued. The eligibility statement shall specify the amount  
4 of Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits allocated to a qualified  
5 project. The Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency shall only authorize  
6 the tax credits created by this section to qualified projects which  
7 are placed in service after July 1, 2015, but which shall not be  
8 used to reduce tax liability accruing prior to January 1, 2016;

9 3. "Federal low-income housing tax credit" means the federal tax  
10 credit as provided in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
11 1986, as amended;

12 4. "Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credit" means the tax credit  
13 created by this section;

14 5. "Qualified project" means a qualified low-income building as  
15 that term is defined in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of  
16 1986, as amended, which is not financed with tax-exempt bonds and is  
17 located in this state in a county with a population of less than one  
18 hundred fifty thousand (150,000) according to the latest Federal  
19 Decennial Census; and

20 6. "Taxpayer" means a person, firm or corporation subject to the  
21 tax imposed by Section 2355 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes or  
22 an insurance company subject to the tax imposed by Section 624 or  
23 628 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes or other financial  
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1 institution subject to the tax imposed by Section 2370 of Title 68  
2 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

3 C. For qualified projects placed in service after July 1, 2015,  
4 the amount of state tax credits created by this section which are  
5 allocated to a project shall be equal to that of the federal low-  
6 income housing tax credits for a qualified project. The total  
7 Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits allocated to all qualified  
8 projects for an allocation year shall not exceed Four Million Dollars  
9 (\$4,000,000.00). For purposes of this section, the "credit period"  
10 shall mean the period of ten (10) taxable years and "placed in  
11 service" shall have the same meaning as is applicable under the  
12 federal credit program.

13 D. A taxpayer owning an interest in an investment in a qualified  
14 project shall be allowed Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits  
15 under this section for tax years beginning on or after January 1,  
16 2016, if the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency issues an eligibility  
17 statement for such project, which tax credit shall be allocated  
18 among some or all of the partners, members or shareholders of the  
19 taxpayer owning such interest in any manner agreed to by such  
20 partners, members or shareholders. Such taxpayer may assign its  
21 interest in the investment.

22 E. An insurance company claiming a credit against state premium  
23 tax or retaliatory tax or any other tax imposed by Section 624 or 628  
24 of Title 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall not be required to pay

1 any additional retaliatory tax under Section 628 of Title 36 of the  
2 Oklahoma Statutes as a result of claiming the credit. The credit  
3 may fully offset any retaliatory tax imposed by Section 628 of Title  
4 36 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

5 F. The credit authorized by this section shall not be used to  
6 reduce the tax liability of the taxpayer to less than zero (\$0.00).

7 G. Any credit claimed but not used in a taxable year which  
8 begins on or after January 1, 2019, may be carried forward to each of  
9 the ~~five (5)~~ two (2) subsequent taxable years.

10 H. The owner of a qualified project eligible for the credit  
11 authorized by this section shall submit, at the time of filing the  
12 tax return with the Oklahoma Tax Commission, an eligibility  
13 statement from the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency. In the case of  
14 failure to attach the eligibility statement, no credit under this  
15 section shall be allowed with respect to such project for that year  
16 until required documents are provided to the Tax Commission.

17 I. If under Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as  
18 amended, a portion of any federal low-income housing credits taken on  
19 a qualified project is required to be recaptured during the first ten  
20 (10) years after a project is placed in service, the taxpayer  
21 claiming Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits with respect to such  
22 project shall also be required to recapture a portion of such  
23 credits. The amount of Oklahoma Affordable Housing Tax Credits  
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1 subject to recapture shall be proportionally equal to the amount of  
2 federal low-income housing credits subject to recapture.

3 J. The Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency or the Oklahoma Tax  
4 Commission may require the filing of additional documentation  
5 necessary to determine the accuracy of a tax credit claimed.

6 K. The Oklahoma Affordable Housing Act shall undergo a review  
7 every five (5) years by a committee of nine (9) persons, to be  
8 appointed three persons each by the Governor, President Pro Tempore of  
9 the Oklahoma State Senate and the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
10 Representatives.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 2019.

12 Passed the Senate the 13th day of March, 2018.

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15 Presiding Officer of the Senate

16 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
17 2018.

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