



OFFICE OF

No. SB 954

THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.,

June 6, 2013

TIME SIGNED: 12:55pm

TO THE HONORABLE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE
AND MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA SENATE
FIRST SESSION OF THE
FIFTY FOURTH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE

ENROLLED SENATE BILL NO. 954:

This is to advise you that on this date, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 11 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution to approve or object to legislation presented to me, I have VETOED Senate Bill 954.

Senate Bill 954 would transfer the Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal computer software program ("CAMA system") as well as support and maintenance of the system from the Oklahoma Tax Commission to the Oklahoma State University Center for Local Government Technology ("OSU-CLGT"). The CAMA system is utilized by county assessors when valuing the real property in their counties. This legislation would also transfer the responsibilities for training county assessors on the CAMA system to the OSU-CLGT. Lastly, in order to fund a new CAMA system and provide county assessor training, this legislation would redirect approximately \$8 million from the General Revenue Fund beginning in FY2015 to a new fund established to provide funds for the new CAMA system, to OSU for county assessor training and CAMA system lease payments, and to the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service.

This administration supports pursuing improvements in the process by which county assessors value real property. Specifically, I support pursuing greater accountability by separating the training of county assessors and the development of new audit procedures. I also support improving the software tools used by county assessors when valuing real property. While this legislation attempts to provide those upgrades, it diverts more than half of the \$8 million it allocates to unrelated projects. While I support investments in software upgrades, this bill spends too little on those upgrades and too much on other areas of government.

As chair of the State Board of Equalization, I am committed to working with the Legislature and county assessors during the interim to create a responsible, fiscally sound policy that supports our assessors in the important role they play.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Mary Fallin

By D. North

Date/Time 6-6-13
1:20 p.m.

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