

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2488

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; CREATING THE OKLAHOMA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM AND DATABASE POLICY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES AND POWERS; CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE GEOGRAPHER; ESTABLISHING STATE GEOGRAPHER QUALIFICATIONS; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES; CREATING THE AUTOMATED GEOGRAPHIC REFERENCE CENTER; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES; CREATING THE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM REVOLVING FUND; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 41.5m of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in this act:

1. "State agency" means any agency, board, commission, office, institution, or other governmental body of the state;

2. "Oklahoma Geographic Information System" means a computer-driven, data integration and map production system that interrelates disparate layers of data to specific geographic locations;

3. "Center" means the Automated Geographic Reference Center within the Office of the State Geographer of the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance;

4. "Database" means an Oklahoma Geographic Information Database to be coordinated by the Automated Geographic Reference Center;

5. "Board" means the Oklahoma Geographic Information System and Database Policy Board; and

6. "Office" means the Office of the State Geographer.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 41.5n of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until July 1, 1998, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Oklahoma Geographic Information System and Database Policy Board. The purpose of the Board is to promulgate rules and regulations and oversee implementation of the Oklahoma Geographic Information System and the Automated Geographic Reference Center.

B. Members of the Board shall consist of the cabinet secretaries appointed by the Governor, or their designees, one (1) member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one (1) member of the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The Governor shall appoint a chairperson and vice-chairperson of the Board who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The legislative members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities and shall receive reimbursement in lieu of lodging and meals in the amount of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) per day and mileage as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement

Act. Such reimbursement shall be paid from funds of the legislative body in which they serve.

C. The Board shall:

1. Formulate a plan for the Oklahoma Geographic Information System Database that will:
 - a. establish specific objectives to guide state agencies in the development of their own computing systems, procedures, and standards to achieve maximum economy in computing costs and facilitate sharing of data information through the Oklahoma Geographic Information Database,
 - b. promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the goals developed in the plan,
 - c. apply for and accept grants for carrying out the Board's duties and powers and creation of the Oklahoma Geographic Information System,
 - d. promulgate rules and regulations or make recommendations to the Legislature regarding public access to the information in the Database and protection of data that should remain confidential,
 - e. promulgate rules and regulations regarding appropriate fees that should be charged to persons who request information from the Automated Geographic Reference Center,
 - f. recommend to the Governor appropriations necessary to implement the Oklahoma Geographic Information System, and
 - g. make recommendations to the Director of State Finance regarding contracts to state agencies or outside consultants for implementation of the Oklahoma Geographic Information System;

D. The Board shall be assisted by staff from the Office of the State Geographer and the Automated Geographic Reference Center in the Office of State Finance.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 41.5o of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Office of the State Geographer within the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance. The Director of the Office shall be the State Geographer.

B. The State Geographer shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at his pleasure. The State Geographer shall not be subject to the Oklahoma Merit System of Personnel Administration. The State Geographer shall hold at least one graduate degree in geography and have a professional knowledge of geography through teaching, research or other related activities, and have knowledge of the principles of the administration of a geographic information system.

C. The State Geographer shall direct the operations of the Office in providing assistance to state educators on matters related to geography curricula and to state agencies and the Oklahoma Information System and Database Policy Board to carry out the purposes of this act.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 41.5p of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created within the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance the Automated Geographic Reference Center. The Center shall:

1. Under the direction of the State Geographer provide staff services to the Oklahoma Geographic Information System and Database Policy Board;

2. Provide geographic information system services to state agencies under rules and regulations established by the Board;
3. Manage the Oklahoma Geographic Information Database; and
4. Provide geographic information system services to federal government agencies, political subdivisions, and private persons under rules and regulations established by the Board.

B. The Center, upon approval of the Board, is authorized to establish and collect fees for services rendered.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 41.5q of Title 62, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Office of State Finance, to be designated the "Geographic Information System Revolving Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the Automated Geographic Reference Center as fees from entities receiving geographic information system services or contributions from outside sources for the development of the Oklahoma Geographic Information System or the Oklahoma Geographic Information Systems Database. All monies accruing to the credit of said fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Office of State Finance for the purpose of costs associated with the services performed by the Automated Geographic Reference Center. Expenditures from said fund shall be made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by law with the Director of State Finance for approval and payment.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective July 1, 1992.

SECTION 7. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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