STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

SENATE BILL NO. 530 BY: KERR

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE; CREATING THE OKLAHOMA RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION; DESIGNATING MEMBERSHIP, COMPOSITION AND QUALIFICATIONS; AUTHORIZING CERTAIN REIMBURSEMENTS; REPEALING SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 AND 8, CHAPTER 220, O.S.L. 1987 (74 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTIONS 5065.1, 5065.2, 5065.3, 5065.4, 5065.5, 5065.6, 5065.7 AND 5065.8), WHICH RELATE TO THE OKLAHOMA AGROINDUSTRY POLICY COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; 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 3001 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Rural Development Commission herein called Commission, which shall exist as a temporary Commission to study and analyze all Oklahoma agroindustry programs, policies and institutions. For the purposes of this act, the term rural development shall include, but not be limited to, any matter of economic development, transportation, education, health

care, tourism, agroindustry, and social services which impacts communities of fifty thousand (50,000) population or less.

B. The Commission shall be composed of:

1. Five persons to be appointed by the Governor;

2. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce;

3. The Commissioner of the State Department of Agriculture;

4. The Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;

5. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives or designee to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

6. One member of the State Senate or designee to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

7. The following shall be ex officio members:

a. the chairmen of the Agriculture Committees of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and of the State Senate, and

b. the chairmen of the Economic Development Committees of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and of the State Senate.

C. Each appointing officer, in making said appointments, shall give due consideration and appropriate recognition to persons who are recognized for outstanding knowledge and leadership in their fields of agroindustry, and to both of the major political parties in the state and in making their appointments, the President Pro Tempore and the Speaker shall each appoint at least one member of the political party having the second largest number of members in their respective houses of the Legislature.

D. Whenever a vacancy shall occur on the Commission, the officer making the initial appointment shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

E. The members of the Commission appointed by the Governor shall receive no compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Legislative members shall receive reimbursement for their expenses in attending such meetings pursuant to Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Members who are state executive officers shall not receive reimbursement for travel expenses for meetings held in Oklahoma City.

F. Appointive members of the Commission shall be named within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3002 of Title 2, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Chairman of the Commission shall be the Commissioner of Agriculture. The Vice Chairman of the Commission shall be elected by the members of the Commission. In the event of the absence of both Chairman and the Vice Chairman, the members of the Commission shall elect a temporary Chairman by a majority vote of those present and voting.

B. The Commission shall adopt rules and procedures and organize itself to discharge its duties.

SECTION 3. REPEALER Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Chapter 220, O.S.L. 1987 (74 O.S. Supp. 1990, Sections 5065.1, 5065.2, 5065.3, 5065.4, 5065.5, 5065.6, 5065.7 and 5065.8), are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. 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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