

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 351

By: Roberts of the Senate
and
Benson of the House

An Act relating to telecommunications; creating Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority as an essential government function, body corporate and politic, and instrumentality of this state; providing for process; providing for number and appointment of members, terms of office, and filling of vacancies; providing certain qualification; vacating office upon commission of certain act; providing for quorum; providing for election of officers; requiring certain bond; providing for oversight; requiring certain approval of certain revenue bonds; stating powers and duties; authorizing certain actions; transferring certain division of Office of State Finance by date certain; prohibiting certain impairment of contracts; providing for powers and duties of division; applying certain standards to certain agencies; allowing certain other standards; prohibiting certain expenditure of funds; providing exception; providing for assessment of certain fees; providing for certain nondisclosure; providing for deposit of certain funds; requiring submission of certain plans by certain agencies; providing for development of certain statewide

plan; providing for certain standards and protocols; prohibiting certain acquisitions, developments, enhancements or installations; requiring certain approval of certain contracts; amending Section 2, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 1992, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 21, O.S.L. 1994 (62 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 41.5n), which relates to State Data Processing and Telecommunications Advisory Committee; changing certain advisory requirement; changing committee membership; eliminating gender distinction; changing requirements for appointment of chair; deleting meeting requirement; creating certain revolving fund; providing for appropriation of certain monies; authorizing budgeting and expenditure of certain monies pursuant to certain warrants; creating Executive Telecommunications Oversight Commission and Legislative Telecommunications Oversight Commission; providing for number and appointment of members, conditions of service, filling of vacancies, quorum, and officers of each commission; stating powers and duties; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for legal assistance and staff services; authorizing commissions to act jointly; requiring certain communication; subjecting commissions to provisions of certain acts; making exceptions; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 7050, which relates to the Medical Technology and Research Authority; providing that issuance of certain revenue bonds require approval of certain commission; providing for codification; repealing 62 O.S. 1991, Sections

41.5a, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 1992, 41.5a-1, 41.5b, 41.5c, 41.5e, 41.5h, 41.5i, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 1992, 41.5j, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 1992, and 41.5k, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 1992, and Section 1, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 1992 (62 O.S. Supp. 1994, Sections 41.5a, 41.5i, 41.5j, 41.5k, and 41.5m), which relate to Office of State Finance and Private Industry Council; providing 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 178.101 of Title 13, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created a body corporate and politic to be known as the "Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority", and by that name the Authority may sue and be sued and plead and be impleaded. The Authority is hereby constituted an instrumentality of the state, and the exercise by the Authority of the powers conferred by this act shall be deemed and shall be held to be an essential governmental function of the state. The Authority shall consist of seven (7) members to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The regular term of office shall be seven (7) years. Terms shall end on May 1 and shall be staggered so that only one term ends each year. Initial appointments shall thus be so made that one term ends May 1, 1996, another May 1, 1997, another May 1, 1998, another May 1, 1999, another May 1, 2000, another May 1, 2001, and another May 1, 2002.

B. Appointees shall have been residents of this state for not less than five (5) years prior to appointment and shall vacate office if they cease to be residents of this state.

C. Persons employed by or having any pecuniary interest in any proprietorship, partnership, corporation, or other entity engaged in any data processing, telecommunications, or related enterprise that is doing business with this state or with any local government entity of this state shall not be appointed or permitted to serve unless, prior to the appointee's being sworn and assuming the duties of office, the interest is placed in a blind trust for the term of service. Any person who acquires such interest while serving shall thereupon vacate office and be ineligible for any further appointment to the Authority.

D. Any vacancy occurring shall be filled in the manner provided for appointment to a regular term. Appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the remainder of the term vacated.

E. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy in the membership of the Authority shall impair the rights of a quorum to exercise and perform all the rights and duties of the Authority.

F. The members shall annually elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary.

G. Before the issuance of any revenue bonds pursuant to the provisions of this act, each member of the Authority shall execute a surety bond in the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), each such bond to be conditioned upon the faithful performance of the duties of office, as such member, to be executed by a surety company authorized to transact business in this state, as surety, and to be approved by the Governor and filed in the office of the Secretary of State.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 178.102 of Title 13, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority shall be subject to the general direction of the Executive Telecommunications Oversight Commission and the Legislative Telecommunications Oversight Commission, created by Sections 10 and 11 of this act, which commissions, acting jointly as provided by this act, shall have the authority to revoke or rescind any policy of the Authority.

B. Prior to the issuance of any revenue bonds by the Authority, the approval of the Executive Telecommunications Oversight Commission and the Legislative Telecommunications Oversight Commission shall be required.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 178.103 of Title 13, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority shall:

1. Identify the most cost-effective means of meeting the telecommunications needs of educational entities and of agencies of state government;

2. Promote the development of connections for the exchange of digital video and digital data transmissions and other telecommunications services among and between existing and future regional and statewide wide area networks and local area networks that serve educational entities and agencies of government in this state, which, collectively, together with their connections and the equipment appurtenant thereto, shall be known as the Oklahoma Government Telecommunications Network (OGTN);

3. Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of utilizing equipment, facilities, and services of both private entities and those owned and operated by the state;

4. Facilitate the operation of the OGTN;

5. Establish standards, protocols, and policies, including security requirements, required for networks and sites to connect to the OGTN;

6. Set a fee structure to provide for the operation and maintenance of the OGTN; and

7. Seek the advice of the State Data Processing and Telecommunications Advisory Committee in regard to substantial matters relating to the duties of the Authority.

B. The Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority is authorized to:

1. Employ personnel pursuant to the Oklahoma Personnel Act, Section 840.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

2. Acquire facilities, equipment, and services pursuant to the Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act, Section 85.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

3. Negotiate agreements for the provision of services to the OGTN and networks connected thereto; and

4. Issue revenue bonds, subject to the approval of the Executive Telecommunications Oversight Commission and the Legislative Telecommunications Oversight Commission.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 178.104 of Title 13, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance, including its personnel, its Data Services Center, and other facilities, equipment, furnishings, fixtures, files, records, and supplies of whatsoever kind and character now utilized in the Division, is hereby transferred to the Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority and shall be known as the Information Services Division of the Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority. No employee transferred pursuant to this subsection shall be required to accept a lesser grade of salary than presently received plus any salary adjustments provided by the Legislature for state employees, and no entrance examination shall be required for continued employment in the same or similar positions with the Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority. The transfer shall be effectuated with minimal interruption of the

work performed by the Division but shall be completed by December 31, 1995. The transfer shall not operate to prevent completion of any unconsummated contracts with corporations, individual parties, agencies of the federal government or other governmental entities, or other legal contracts previously entered into.

B. The Information Services Division shall, with respect to agencies of the executive branch of state government:

1. Coordinate data processing planning through analysis of each agency's long-term data processing plans;

2. Develop a statewide data processing plan, with annual modifications, to include at a minimum:

- a. individual agency plans,
- b. information systems plans for the statewide electronic data processing function,
- c. major development projects proposed for the current year and the next three (3) years, and
- d. an explanation of revisions to previous plans;

3. Establish minimum mandatory standards for:

- a. information systems planning,
- b. systems development methodology,
- c. documentation,
- d. hardware requirements and compatibility,
- e. operating systems compatibility,
- f. software and hardware acquisition,
- g. data security and internal controls,
- h. data base compatibility, and
- i. contingency planning and disaster recovery.

The standards shall, upon adoption, be the minimum requirements applicable to all agencies of the executive branch, and shall be compatible with the standards established for the Oklahoma Government Telecommunications Network. Individual agencies are

authorized to operate according to standards more specific or restrictive than statewide requirements;

4. Develop and maintain applications for agencies of state government not having the capacity to do so;

5. Operate a data processing service center to provide operations and hardware support for agencies requiring such services and for statewide systems;

6. Maintain a directory of application systems, systems software, hardware, internal and external data processing studies and training courses in use by all agencies of the state; and facilitate the utilization of such resources by any agency having requirements beyond its own capacity which can be met by resources available within another agency of the state;

7. Assist agencies in the acquisition and utilization of data processing systems and hardware to effectuate the maximum benefit for the provision of services and accomplishment of the duties and responsibilities of agencies of the state;

8. In conjunction with the Office of Personnel Management, establish training guidelines for electronic data processing personnel, assist agencies in placing personnel in appropriate courses offered by other agencies of the state, and sponsor training courses for data processing personnel of all agencies;

9. Coordinate, for the executive branch of state government, agency data processing activities, encourage joint projects and common systems, and linking of agency systems through the review of agency plans, development of a statewide plan, and its integration with the budget process to ensure that acquisitions are consistent with statewide objectives and that proposed systems are justified and cost effective;

10. Develop performance reporting guidelines for data processing facilities and conduct an annual review to compare agency plans and budgets with results and expenditures;

11. Establish operations review procedures for data processing installations operated by agencies of the state for independent assessment of productivity, efficiency, and cost effectiveness;

12. Establish service center user charges for billing costs to agencies based on the use of all resources; and

13. Provide system development and consultant support to state agencies on a contractual, cost reimbursement basis.

C. No agency of the executive branch of the state shall use state funds for or enter into any agreement for the acquisition of computer hardware or software exceeding Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) in value without authorization by the Information Services Division; provided, the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any member institution or constituent agency of The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education or to any public elementary, secondary or vocational-technical school district.

D. The provisions of this section shall not require the disclosure, directly or indirectly, of any information of a state agency which is declared to be confidential or privileged by state or federal statute or the disclosure of which is restricted by agreement with the United States or one of its agencies, nor the disclosure of data processing system details that could permit unauthorized access to confidential information.

E. The Information Services Division shall, at the end of each month, render a statement of charges to all state agencies to which it has furnished processing services for the direct costs of the Division's Data Service Center. In total, such charges shall not exceed the direct costs of the Division's Data Service Center. Systems analysts and programming services costs shall be recovered directly from the agency for which the service was rendered, as agreed to by that agency, and shall not be prorated to agencies not receiving such services. All amounts so collected shall be

deposited in the Telecommunications Authority Revolving Fund created pursuant to Section 9 of this act.

F. All executive-branch agencies of the state presently using or contemplating the use of electronic data processing applications, including but not limited to the use of mainframe computers, minicomputers, network servers, or work stations, shall submit to the Information Services Division a long-range plan, summarizing the agency's detailed plan, for not less than the ensuing three (3) fiscal years, which shall include at a minimum:

1. An overview of major projects and objectives;
2. Estimated resource requirements including personnel, hardware, and software;
3. Key project dates;
4. Project priorities;
5. Estimated project costs and benefits;
6. Revisions to previous plans;
7. Specific segments which will be included in the agency budget request for the next ensuing fiscal year; and
8. Such other information as the Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority may require for analysis and consolidation into a statewide plan for electronic data processing and telecommunications.

No executive-branch agency of the state shall enter into any agreement for the acquisition, development, or enhancement of application systems software or for the acquisition of electronic data processing equipment or peripheral devices whether or not connected to such equipment, unless the cost of the acquisition, development, or enhancement has been included in the agency's plan. The Information Services Division, upon review of an agency's data processing plan, shall submit to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Chair of the State Data Processing and Telecommunications

Advisory Committee its findings and recommendations on all proposed new and expanded programs and expenditures for personnel and the purchase or acquisition of equipment, hardware, and software or accessories thereto, including but not limited to leases, rentals, or lease-purchase agreements.

SECTION 5. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 178.105 of Title 13, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Information Services Division of the Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority is directed, authorized and empowered to establish criteria for and manage the installation, maintenance and administration of a central communications or intercommunications system for and upon behalf of this state that shall fulfill communications or intercommunications requirements of this state and its agencies.

B. Utilizing a pro-rata formula that is not to be redetermined more often than once every six (6) months, the Division shall render a statement of charges at the end of each month to all state agencies to which it has furnished communications services for the direct cost sustained. The Division is to be reimbursed by the state or any of its agencies for actual cost incurred for equipment installation or modification or for toll charges for use of telephone, telegraph, teletype, data communications or other form or forms of communications or intercommunications incurred by the state or by any agency.

C. No telephone, teletype, switchboard, line, cable system, data communications system or systems of communications or intercommunications are to be installed in any building or buildings owned, rented, leased, or otherwise held by any agency of the executive branch of this state without authorization from the Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority.

SECTION 6. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 178.106 of Title 13, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Information Services Division of the Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority shall:

1. Coordinate statewide planning for communications and telecommunications needs of state government, including, but not limited to, voice, data, radio, video and facsimile transmissions through analysis of each agency's long-term communications and telecommunications plans;

2. Develop and integrate a statewide communications plan to address the design requirements and networks necessary to serve agency needs, which will consist of at a minimum:

- a. an inventory of communications or telecommunications equipment owned, leased or rented for use in communications services for the executive branch of state government, including communications services provided as part of any other total system to be used by the state or any of its executive branch agencies,
- b. current budget plans, expenditures and resources necessary to operate any and all systems included in the above inventory,
- c. major development projects proposed for the current fiscal year and the next three (3) fiscal years and the anticipated results and benefits to be achieved, and
- d. an explanation of revisions to previous plans;

3. Establish minimum mandatory standards and protocols for:
- a. communications networks and equipment,
 - b. wide area and local area systems,
 - c. integration of equipment, systems and joint usage,

- d. operating systems or methods to be used to meet communications requirements efficiently and effectively,
- e. rendering of aid between state government and its political subdivisions with respect to organizing of communications systems, and
- f. an economical and cost-effective utilization of communications services.

The standards and protocols shall be compatible with the standards and protocols established for the Oklahoma Government Telecommunications Network;

4. Serve as a focal point for all statewide projects involving current communications vendors where the focus of such authority can substantially enhance the state communications plan or the savings which can be achieved thereunder;

5. Provide, when requested by political subdivisions of the state, for the organization of communications or telecommunications systems and services between the state and its political subdivisions and enter into agreements to effect the purposes of this section;

6. Cooperate with any federal, state or local emergency management agency in providing for emergency communications and telecommunications services;

7. Apply for, receive, and hold, or assist agencies in applying for, receiving or holding such authorizations, licenses and allocations of channels and frequencies to carry out the purposes of this section;

8. Accomplish such other purposes as may be necessary or incidental to the administration of its authority or functions pursuant to law; and

9. Provide support for telecommunications networks of state agencies through analysis of each agency's telecommunications needs

and requirements and promotion of the use of the Oklahoma Government Telecommunications Network.

SECTION 7. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 178.107 of Title 13, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. No agency of the executive branch of the state shall use state funds for or enter into any agreement for the acquisition, development or enhancement of a communications or telecommunications system including voice, data, radio, video and facsimile systems, without authorization by the Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority, which shall verify that any such acquisition, development or enhancement meets standards of, and is consistent with development of, the Oklahoma Government Telecommunications Network.

B. Not later than September 1 of each year, all executive branch agencies of the state presently using or contemplating the use of voice, data, radio, video and facsimile communications or telecommunications systems shall submit to the Information Services Division of the Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority a long-range plan summarizing the agency's detailed plan, for not less than the current fiscal year and the ensuing three (3) fiscal years. Agencies may submit revisions or amendments as they deem necessary. The plan shall include at a minimum:

1. An inventory of communications or telecommunications equipment owned, leased, or rented for use in all communications services for state government, including communications services provided as part of any other total system to be used by the state or any of its agencies;

2. Current budget plans, expenditures and resources necessary to operate any and all systems included in the above inventory;

3. Major development projects proposed for the current fiscal year and the next three (3) fiscal years and the anticipated results and benefits to be achieved;

4. An explanation of revisions to previous plans;
5. Key project dates; and
6. Specific segments which will be included in the agency budget request for the ensuing fiscal year.

C. No agency of the executive branch of the state shall enter into any agreement for the acquisition, development, or enhancement of a communications or telecommunications system or service including voice, data, radio, video and facsimile systems, unless the cost of such addition, change, improvement or development has been included in the statewide communications plan of the Information Services Division, as said plan may have been amended or revised.

D. State agencies may enter into interagency contracts to share communications and telecommunications resources for mutually beneficial purposes. The contract shall clearly state how its purpose contributes to the development or enhancement or cost reduction of a state network which includes voice, data, radio, video or facsimile systems. The contract shall be approved by the Information Services Division before any payments are made.

SECTION 8. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 1992, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 21, O.S.L. 1994 (62 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 41.5n), is amended to read as follows:

Section 41.5n A. There is hereby created, to continue until July 1, 1998, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, Section 3901 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, a State Data Processing and Telecommunications Advisory Committee. The Committee shall ~~assist~~ advise the ~~Office of State Finance~~ Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority in addressing the state's data processing and telecommunications needs. The Committee shall consist of twenty-six (26) members, nine of whom shall be voting members and seventeen of whom shall be ex officio nonvoting members. Voting members shall include three members of the House of

Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, three members of the State Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, ~~two~~ and three members appointed by the Governor, ~~and the Director of the Office of State Finance or the Director's designee.~~ Ex officio nonvoting members shall include the chief administrative officer of each of the following state agencies or ~~his or her~~ the officer's designee:

1. State Department of Education;
2. Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;
3. Department of Public Safety;
4. Department of Human Services;
5. Department of Commerce;
6. Department of Libraries;
7. Oklahoma Educational Television Authority;
8. Oklahoma Corporation Commission;
9. State Department of Vocational and Technical Education;
10. Department of Corrections;
11. Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department;
12. State Department of Health;
13. Oklahoma Tax Commission;
14. Office of Personnel Management;
15. State Election Board; and
16. Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

The remaining ex officio nonvoting position shall be rotated among other state agencies at the discretion of the Governor. The ~~chairmanship~~ Chair of the Committee shall alternate every two (2) years ~~among~~ between the House of Representatives, and the Senate ~~and the Director of the Office of State Finance~~ at the beginning of each odd-numbered year. Meetings of the Committee shall be called by the ~~Chairman~~ Chair not less than two times each year and shall be open to data processing and telecommunications managers from all state

agencies. A majority of the voting members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

B. Members of the State Data Processing and Telecommunications Advisory Committee shall receive no compensation for serving on the Committee, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Committee shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

2. Nonlegislative members of the Committee shall be reimbursed by their respective agencies for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. The duties of the State Data Processing and Telecommunications Advisory Committee shall include:

1. Advising the ~~Office of State Finance~~ Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority in the development of a statewide master plan for telecommunications and in the development of the Oklahoma Government Telecommunications Network ~~created in Section 41.5m of this title;~~

2. Providing a forum for discussion of major issues facing state agencies in the areas of data processing and telecommunications;

3. ~~Meeting jointly with the Industry Advisory Committee created pursuant to Section 41.5b of this title at least annually to ensure that the state's planned activities are consistent with the direction of industry data processing and telecommunications;~~

4. Advising the Information Services Division of the ~~Office of State Finance~~ Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority on the development and implementation of statewide data processing policies; and

~~5.~~ 4. Making recommendations to the Office of State Finance for expenditures for telecommunications as provided in Section 57.303 of this title and Section 43 of Article X of the Oklahoma Constitution; provided, however, no such recommendations shall become final and no such expenditures shall be made unless approved by the Contingency Review Board.

SECTION 9. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 178.109 of Title 13, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving fund for the Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority to be designated as the "Telecommunications Authority Revolving Fund." The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of fees, appropriated monies, donations, proceeds of sale, and such other monies as may accrue for the use of the Authority. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority toward fulfillment of its lawful purposes. Expenditures from the 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 10. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 178.110 of Title 13, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Executive Telecommunications Oversight Commission, which shall consist of six (6) members, appointed by the Governor, who shall designate one of the appointees as Chair. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum. No vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall impair the rights of a quorum to exercise and perform all the rights and duties of the Commission. The members shall annually elect a Vice Chair.

B. The Commission shall review the policies and activities of the Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority, and any proposed revenue bond issues thereof, whenever requested to do so by the Governor or the Authority. Directives and recommendations made by the Commission concerning the Authority shall be referred to the Legislative Telecommunications Oversight Commission for consideration.

C. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed by the Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. Legal assistance for the Commission and for joint meetings with the Legislative Telecommunications Oversight Commission shall be provided by the Office of the Attorney General. Other staff services shall be provided as directed by the Governor.

SECTION 11. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 178.111 of Title 13, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Legislative Telecommunications Oversight Commission, which shall consist of six (6) members. Three (3) members of the Senate shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and three (3) members of the House of Representatives shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. A member shall be appointed Chair by the President Pro Tempore for each odd-numbered biennium and by the Speaker for each even-numbered biennium. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Four (4) members shall constitute a quorum, provided at least one is an appointee of the President Pro Tempore and at least one is an appointee of the Speaker. No vacancy in the membership of the Commission shall impair the rights of a

quorum to exercise and perform all the rights and duties of the Commission. The members shall annually elect a Vice Chair.

B. The Commission shall review the policies and activities of the Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority, and any proposed revenue bond issues thereof, whenever requested to do so by either the President Pro Tempore or the Speaker of the House or the Authority. Directives and recommendations made by the Commission concerning the Authority shall be referred to the Executive Telecommunications Oversight Commission for consideration.

C. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. Legal and other staff services shall be provided by the staff of the legislative body of which the Chair is a member.

SECTION 12. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 178.112 of Title 13, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Executive Telecommunications Oversight Commission and the Legislative Telecommunications Oversight Commission are authorized to meet jointly to discuss and take joint action concerning any directive or recommendation referred by either commission to the other and to meet jointly at such other times as deemed appropriate by the chairs of both commissions.

SECTION 13. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 178.113 of Title 13, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Oklahoma Telecommunications Authority, and the Executive Telecommunications Oversight Commission, meeting separately or jointly with the Legislative Telecommunications Oversight Commission, shall be subject to the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Section 301 et seq. of Title 25 of the Oklahoma

Statutes and the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Section 24A.1 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes; provided the Authority, the Executive Telecommunications Oversight Commission, and the Legislative Telecommunications Oversight Commission, whether meeting together or separately, shall meet in executive session whenever discussing matters of telecommunications security and shall keep confidential all documents relating thereto.

SECTION 14. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 7050, is amended to read as follows:

Section 7050. In order to promote medical technology and research for the benefit of the State of Oklahoma and its citizens, there is hereby created the "Medical Technology and Research Authority of Oklahoma", which Authority is hereby authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, repair and operate improvement projects within the State of Oklahoma as shall be approved by the Authority and to issue the improvement revenue bonds of the Authority payable solely from revenues to pay the cost of such projects, and additionally may, by means of agreement with service recipients provide operational services; provided, issuance of revenue bonds for the costs of construction, maintenance, repair, or operation of any telecommunications equipment, facilities, or systems or pledging of any revenues derived therefrom shall require the approval of the Executive Telecommunications Oversight Commission created by this act and the approval of the Legislative Telecommunications Oversight Commission created by this act.

SECTION 15. REPEALER 62 O.S. 1991, Sections 41.5a, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 1992, 41.5a-1, 41.5b, 41.5c, 41.5e, 41.5h, 41.5i, as amended by Section 6, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 1992, 41.5j, as amended by Section 7, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 1992, and 41.5k, as amended by Section 8, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 1992, and Section 1, Chapter 268, O.S.L. 1992 (62 O.S. Supp. 1994, Sections 41.5a, 41.5i, 41.5j, 41.5k and 41.5m), are hereby repealed.

SECTION 16. This act shall become effective April 1, 1995.

SECTION 17. 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.

Passed the Senate the 27th day of February, 1995.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives