

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 709

By: Fisher and Shurden of the
Senate

and

Steidley of the House

[Corporation Commission - requiring expansion -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 139.601 of Title 17, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Corporation Commission shall take action as necessary to cause the expansion of Wide Area Calling Plans to include every local telephone exchange which is the sole unincorporated exchange seated in a county where all the other exchanges seated in said county are already included in a Wide Area Calling Plan. For the purposes of this section, "seated" shall mean the place at which the central switch for the local exchange is sited. The expansion shall be revenue neutral with respect to the affected local exchange companies. The inclusion of the affected exchanges shall be accomplished not later than December 31, 1996.

SECTION 2. It is the intent of the Legislature that Section 1 of this act be an amendment to, and alteration of, Sections 18 through 34, inclusive, of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma, as authorized by Section 35 of Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Oklahoma.

SECTION 3. The provisions of Section 2 of this act shall not be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes.

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.

Passed the Senate the 26th day of February, 1996.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives