ENGROSSED SENATE
JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 29

By: Easley of the Senate

and

Rice of the House

A Joint Resolution creating the Electric Utility Task Force; stating membership; providing for organization, meetings, travel reimbursement and staffing; specifying duties; requiring certain reports; providing for termination of task force; directing distribution; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Oklahoma has a responsibility to all citizens of this state to ensure adequate and reliable electric utility service at reasonable rates; and

WHEREAS, electric providers in the State of Oklahoma operate under a variety of laws relating to regulation, taxation, territory rights, and competition, affecting different suppliers of electricity and consumers thereof to varying degrees; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has a responsibility to solicit input regarding such issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. A. There is hereby created the Electric Utility Task Force.

B. The task force shall consist of fourteen (14) members, seven each to be selected by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives. A Chair and Vice Chair shall be elected from among the members at the first meeting of the

task force. A majority of the members serving on the task force shall constitute a quorum.

C. The task force shall meet at such times and places as it deems necessary to perform its duties as specified in this section. Meetings shall be held at the call of the Chair.

D. Members of the task force shall be reimbursed by their appointing authorities for 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.

E. The Senate and the House of Representatives shall provide such staff support as is required by the task force.

F. The duties of the task force shall include:

1. Reviewing constitutional provisions, laws, and procedures related to providing retail electric service to consumers in Oklahoma by investor-owned electric public utilities, rural electric cooperatives, municipal electric systems, Grand River Dam Authority and other nontraditional electric service providers relating to, but not limited to, territorial boundaries between suppliers, competition by and among such suppliers, the collection, reporting and remittance of all state, county and municipal taxes by such suppliers, municipal condemnation by certain municipalities or rural electric cooperative facilities, annexation by municipalities, and regulation of municipal electric systems and the Grand River Dam Authority by the Oklahoma Corporation Commission; and

2. Evaluating the need for or appropriateness of changes to the existing constitutional provisions, laws, rules, regulations and procedures relating to the issues examined.

G. The task force shall develop a list of options and recommendations for changes in the electric utility industry and may submit a final report to the Governor and the Legislature. The task force shall be terminated as of June 30, 1996.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall distribute copies of this resolution to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

SECTION 3. 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 18th day of May, 1995.

President of the Senate

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

Speaker of the House of Representatives