

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2753

By: Langmacher of the House

and

Wilkerson of the Senate

An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending Section 1, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 1997 (68 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 2946.4), which relates to the Task Force on Centrally Assessed Property; modifying termination date of the Task Force; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 336, O.S.L. 1997 (68 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 2946.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2946.4 A. There is hereby created the Task Force on Centrally Assessed Property.

B. The Task Force shall consist of twenty-three (23) members, eighteen members to be appointed by August 1, 1997, as follows:

1. The Governor shall appoint six members as follows:

- a. one member who shall represent major oil and gas producers,
- b. one member who shall represent non-energy-related businesses concerned about ad valorem issues,
- c. one member who shall represent the telecommunications industry,
- d. one member who shall be a representative of an urban county,
- e. one member who shall be a representative of a state chamber of commerce, and
- f. one member who shall be a representative of a major metropolitan chamber of commerce;

2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint six members as follows:

- a. one member who shall represent independent oil and gas producers,
- b. one member who shall represent energy-related utility companies,
- c. one member who shall represent area vocational-technical schools,
- d. one member who shall be a representative of a rural Oklahoma schools organization,
- e. one member who shall be a representative of an association of county commissioners, and
- f. one member who shall be a representative of a state library association;

3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint six members as follows:

- a. one member who shall represent interstate pipelines,

- b. one member who shall be a representative of an organization of school administrators,
- c. one member who shall be a representative of a statewide educators association,
- d. one member who shall be a representative of a state school board association,
- e. one member who shall be a county assessor of a rural county, and
- f. one member who shall be a representative of a realtors association;

4. The Chairperson of the House Revenue and Taxation Committee, who shall be an ex officio nonvoting member;

5. The Chairperson of the Senate Finance Committee, who shall be an ex officio nonvoting member;

6. The Chairperson of the Education Subcommittee of the House Appropriations and Budget Committee, who shall be an ex officio nonvoting member; and

7. The Chairperson of the Education Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, who shall be an ex officio nonvoting member.

The Chair of the Citizens' Advisory Task Force on Property Taxation created in Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution No. 21 of the 1st Session of the 45th Legislature shall serve as a member and shall chair the Task Force.

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 and shall be conducted in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. A majority of the members serving on the Task Force shall constitute a quorum.

D. Members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed by their appointing authorities for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes from the legislative body which they serve; and

2. Nonlegislative 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.

E. The Ad Valorem Division of the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the House of Representatives and Senate staff shall provide such staff support as is required by the Task Force.

F. The duties of the Task Force shall include:

1. Reviewing the constitutional provisions, laws, and procedures related to the definition of the term public service corporation, as used in the ad valorem tax code and developing a list of options and recommendations for changes in the definition;

2. Reviewing the constitutional provisions, laws, and procedures related to determining values of public service corporations, as used in the ad valorem tax code and developing a list of options and recommendations for changes for determining the values;

3. Reviewing the constitutional provisions, laws, and procedures related to determining values of business personal property that is locally assessed by the county assessor and developing a list of options and recommendations for changes in

determining values of such locally assessed business personal property; and

4. Reviewing the existing laws, rules, and procedures relating to the Court of Tax Review and developing a list of options for changes relating to the Court of Tax Review.

G. The Task Force shall develop a list of options and recommendations for changes related to centrally assessed property and shall submit a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate no later than January 31, 1998. The Task Force shall be terminated as of ~~March 1~~ April 30, 1998.

SECTION 2. 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 House of Representatives the 23rd day of February,
1998.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 25th day of February, 1998.

President of the Senate