

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 3287

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to technology; stating legislative recognition of certain technology; establishing a digital signature pilot program; stating purposes of the pilot program; creating the Digital Signature Pilot Program Steering Committee; stating duties of the Committee; providing for membership of the Committee; stating participating agencies in pilot program; requiring certain report; amending Section 2, Chapter 100, O.S.L. 1997, which relates to the Task Force on Electronic Signature Technology; modifying expiration date; adding membership; 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 5060.50 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Legislature recognizing the advancement of technology in commerce hereby establishes a pilot program for the use of digital signatures in state government. The pilot program

will provide verifiable data on how electronic commerce and digital signatures can improve the internal services and operations of state government and how it can enable and encourage business and commerce. The pilot program will limit risk and enable discovery and testing of procedures so that deployment across state government will progress smoothly. The pilot program shall include certain state agencies that will test the technology in government to government transactions and government to private entity transactions.

B. There is hereby created the Digital Signature Pilot Program Steering Committee to oversee the pilot program. The Committee shall establish standards and procedures for conducting the pilot program. The Committee shall study and incorporate where appropriate standards for digital signatures set by national organizations. The Committee shall consist of one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one member appointed by the Governor and one member from each of the following agencies:

1. The Department of Central Services;
2. The Secretary of State;
3. The Office of State Finance;
4. The Department of Commerce;
5. The Attorney General;
6. The State Auditor and Inspector; and
7. The State Treasurer.

C. The agencies participating in the pilot program shall be as follows:

1. The Department of Central Services;
2. The Office of State Finance;
3. The Secretary of State;
4. The Office of Personnel Management; and
5. The State Treasurer.

D. The Committee shall evaluate the pilot program and file a report of their findings and recommendations by January 1, 1999, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Governor.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 100, O.S.L. 1997, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2. A. There is hereby created to continue until ~~July 1, 1998~~ February 1, 1999, the Task Force on Electronic Signature Technology. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to study the technology of and applications for electronic signatures and to prepare recommendations for legislative and other action needed to assure the availability and use of electronic signature technology in the state.

B. The Task Force shall be composed of ~~twenty-two (22)~~ twenty-three (23) members as follows:

1. The Secretary of State or designee;
2. The Director of State Finance or designee;
3. The Director of the Information Services Division of the Office of State Finance or designee;
4. The Attorney General or designee;
5. The Director of the Department of Central Services or designee;
6. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce or designee;
7. The Chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education;
8. Two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
9. Two members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
10. Two members who represent a business association to be appointed by the Governor;

11. Two members who represent the banking industry to be appointed by the Governor;

12. Two members who represent the insurance industry to be appointed by the Governor;

13. Two members of the Oklahoma Bar Association to be appointed by the Governor;

14. One member who represents large manufacturing businesses to be appointed by the Governor;

15. One member who represents small manufacturing businesses to be appointed by the Governor; ~~and~~

16. One member from a software or computer services business entity; and

17. One member who represents the land title profession.

Required appointments shall be made on or before August 1, 1997.

C. The Governor shall call the first meeting of the Task Force, with subsequent meetings to be held at the call of the chairperson. At the first meeting, the Task Force shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among its members. The Task Force shall meet monthly at such time as established by the chairperson.

D. The Task Force shall:

1. Study the technology of and applications for electronic signatures;

2. Review and compare electronic signature legislation from other states;

3. Survey vendors which have developed technology for electronic signatures and review the available technology;

4. Study the cost of implementing and maintaining a state electronic signature certification program;

5. Make recommendations on an appropriate fee structure for a state electronic signature certification program; and

6. Make recommendations for implementing electronic commerce procedures for state agencies.

E. On or before December 1, 1997, the Task Force shall submit a report of the findings and recommendations of the Task Force to the House of Representatives Science and Technology Committee, the State Data Processing and Telecommunications Advisory Committee and the legislative committee in the State Senate responsible for technology issues for review and input.

F. On or before January 1, 1998, the Task Force shall issue a final report of findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Legislature, each member of the Governor's cabinet and appropriate state agencies. The Task Force shall continue to meet monthly until ~~July 1, 1998~~ February 1, 1999, to continue to carry out the duties of the Task Force and make recommendations concerning any possible legislative action.

G. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for serving on the Task Force, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Task Force 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 from the legislative body in which they serve;

2. State agency employees who are members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

3. All other Task Force members shall be reimbursed by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce for travel expenses incurred in performance of their duties on the Task Force, in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

H. As necessary to carry out its charge, the Task Force may seek technical assistance from specialists in electronic signature technology.

I. Staffing for the Task Force shall be provided jointly by the Office of the Secretary of State and the Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

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.

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