

SHORT TITLE: Concurrent Resolution directing governing bodies of certain political subdivisions to develop certain agreement; Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Forest Reserve Lands; distribution.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 29

By: Rabon of the Senate

and

Matlock and Erwin of the
House

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution directing governing bodies of certain political subdivisions to develop certain agreement; creating Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Forest Reserve Lands; providing for membership and specifying duties thereof; providing for termination of Committee; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Section 326 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes specifies how funds received by a county treasurer from the United States Government as the county's share of forest reserve rentals are to be apportioned; and

WHEREAS, the exchange of lands between the United States Government and the Weyerhaeuser Corporation in recent years has affected the amounts of such payments, resulting in a situation in which the apportionments specified in Section 326 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes may not be optimal; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has a responsibility to oversee the apportionment of such funds and provide for adjustments to such apportionment if necessary, and to solicit input from affected local governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby directs the governing bodies of those counties and school districts directly affected by the recent exchange of lands between the United States Government and the Weyerhaeuser Corporation to develop an agreement, no later than August 31, 1997, as to the optimal distribution of the additional monies pursuant to such exchange. Such monies shall continue to be apportioned pursuant to the provisions of Section 326 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes unless otherwise provided by law.

SECTION 2. There is hereby created the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Forest Reserve Lands. The Committee shall consist of five members of the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated as chair of the Committee, and five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be designated as vice-chair of the Committee. The Committee shall meet at the call of the chair and vice-chair and shall have the duties of overseeing the development of the agreement required by Section 1 of this resolution and of recommending to the 2nd Session of the 46th Oklahoma Legislature such amendments to Section 326 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes or other provisions of law as may be necessary for full implementation of such agreement. The Committee shall terminate no later than December 31, 1997.

SECTION 3. Copies of this resolution shall be distributed to the members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation and to the governing bodies of those counties and school districts directly affected by the recent exchange of lands between the United States Government and the Weyerhaeuser Corporation.