

SHORT TITLE: Creating the Task Force on Business Courts;
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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 44

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A Concurrent Resolution creating the Task Force on Business Courts; providing for appointment of task force members, cochairs, reimbursement of members and staff assistance; requiring submission of certain recommendations; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, there is a growing trend in the states for the creation of specialized courts for business issues; and

WHEREAS, the competitive marketplace has brought about increased specialization among lawyers, yet judges are expected to deal competently with every aspect of civil litigation; and

WHEREAS, businesses seek to avoid litigation of disputes fearing high costs, delay, and arbitrary decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State Legislature should consider the establishment of a business court to hear complex commercial and business cases.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Task Force on Business Courts be created for the purpose of studying the feasibility of establishing a business court and making recommendations to the Oklahoma State Legislature.

THAT the Task Force be comprised of the members of the Judiciary Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives and that the chairs of such committees shall serve as Task Force cochairs.

THAT members of the Task Force be reimbursed for expenses incurred in performing their duties pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

THAT staff assistance be provided by the Senate and the House of Representatives.

THAT Task Force members be appointed by June 1, 1998, and serve until a final report of recommendations of the Task Force is submitted to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before December 1, 1998.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to each member of the Senate and House of Representatives Judiciary Committees.

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