

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2434

By: Turner, Pope (Clay), Ervin
and Smith (Dale) of the
House

and

Fisher, Rabon, Muegge and
Henry of the Senate

An Act relating to housing incentives; enacting the Rural Housing Incentive Study Task Force Act; creating Task Force; providing for appointment of members; prescribing standard for selection; providing for selection of chair; prescribing quorum requirement; requiring initial meeting date; authorizing meetings; providing for applicability of Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for subject matter of study; requiring assistance for Task Force; requiring written report; prescribing procedures for report; providing for codification; providing an effective date; 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 2902 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Rural Housing Incentive Study Task Force. The Task Force shall be composed of:

1. Six persons appointed by the Governor, each of whom shall be a resident of one of the six different congressional districts within the State of Oklahoma;

2. Six persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each of whom shall be a resident of one of the six different congressional districts within the State of Oklahoma;

3. Six persons appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the State Senate, each of whom shall be a resident of one of the six different congressional districts within the State of Oklahoma; and

4. One person to be appointed by a majority of the board of trustees of the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency.

B. In making appointments pursuant to subsection A of this section, the appointing authorities shall give consideration to persons who have experience in the following aspects of the housing industry with emphasis upon housing in rural areas of the state:

1. Private financing methods for housing;
2. Public incentives for the construction of housing or the financing of housing;
3. Construction of single-family or multifamily dwellings in rural areas;
4. Federal or state tax and related incentives for single-family or multifamily dwelling construction or finance;
5. Use of governmental entities to provide capital for the construction or acquisition of single-family or multifamily dwellings in rural areas; and
6. Such other experience or expertise as the appointing authority believes would be of assistance to the Task Force in performing its duties and responsibilities.

C. The members of the Task Force shall select a chair from among its membership. The chair shall be responsible for the conduct of the meetings of the Task Force. A quorum of the Task Force shall be required in order for any final action of the Task Force on the adoption of the report required by subsection I of this section. The Task Force shall conduct its first meeting not later than sixty (60) days after the effective date of this act.

D. The Task Force may meet as often as may be required in order to perform the duties imposed upon it. The Task Force shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

E. Members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed by the appointing authority pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

F. Legislators who are members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed pursuant to Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

G. The Task Force shall study the existing federal, state and local incentives and programs available to private developers and private sources of capital for the construction or acquisition of dwellings the primary purpose of which is to provide single-family or multifamily housing in rural areas. Additionally, the Task Force shall review county housing market surveys to determine the types and number of needed housing units in rural Oklahoma.

H. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency shall provide such assistance to the Task Force as may be required in order for the Task Force to complete the study of the topic described by subsection G of this section and to produce the final report described by subsection I of this section. Additional assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate.

I. The Task Force shall produce a written report of its findings and conclusions regarding the incentives or programs available for the construction or acquisition of dwellings in rural areas and recommendations for changes in the policies or programs of the State of Oklahoma or its political subdivisions which affect the

availability and affordability of rural housing. The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate not later than December 31, 2000.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

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 House of Representatives the 17th day of May, 2000.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 18th day of May, 2000.

President of the Senate