

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 878

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to ethanol; directing the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture to conduct certain feasibility study to attract ethanol processing plant to this state; stating requirements of study; creating certain advisory committee; stating membership; providing for staffing; authorizing Department to contract for certain services; authorizing funding sources; requiring report by certain date; directing distribution; and providing for noncodification.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture is hereby directed to conduct a study to demonstrate the potential of our state to attract potential industry leaders interested in establishing an ethanol processing plant in this state.

B. Such study shall demonstrate the financial feasibility available in Oklahoma and the potential return to farmers, rural communities and the State of Oklahoma. The Department shall identify state incentives necessary to attract the ethanol industry and encourage their location in our state.

C. To assist the Department in conducting the study there is hereby created the Oklahoma Ethanol Plant Feasibility Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee shall consist of the following fifteen (15) members:

1. The Director of the Department of Agriculture or designee;

2. The Director of the Department of Environmental Quality or designee;

3. The Director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission or designee;

4. The Director of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission;

5. One member appointed by and representing the Natural Resources Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture;

6. One member appointed by and representing Oklahoma State University;

7. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

a. one of which represents the ethanol industry in this state,

b. one of which represents labor interests in this state, and

c. one of which is a producer of grain sorghum;

8. Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate:

a. one of which is a producer of corn,

b. one of which represents the oil industry in this state with expertise in marketing or trading, and

c. one of which is actively engaged in farming in this state; and

9. Three appointed by the Governor:

a. one of which represents the ethanol industry,

b. one of which is a producer of wheat, and

c. one of which is engaged in general farming in this state.

Appointments to the Advisory Committee shall be made within forty-five (45) days following the effective date of this act. The Department shall provide staffing requirements as needed for the

Advisory Committee and may contract for any specialized services necessary to comply with the requirements of this act. The Department is authorized to use any available funds within the Department's annual budget as necessary to comply with this act and the Department is authorized to solicit and receive grants or donations from any legal source as needed to aid in funding this study.

D. A report of the Advisory Committee shall be prepared and delivered to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2002.

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