

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1212

By: Maddox, Williams and Capps
of the Senate

and

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Nations and Case of the
House

An Act relating to electric energy; creating the Oklahoma Wind Power Assessment Committee; stating duties; stating membership; providing for appointments by certain date; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for termination of Committee; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Wind Power Assessment Committee. It shall be the duty of the Committee to analyze data, such as cost and customer support, of the newly operating wind farms located in Oklahoma and make recommendations for legislation to support further development of all zero-emission renewable energy in Oklahoma. The Committee shall study data and input from the Corporation Commission, the office of the Governor, and utility providers and encourage input from the citizens of this state.

B. The Oklahoma Wind Power Assessment Committee shall consist of:

1. The Governor or designee;
2. The Secretary of the Environment;
3. A representative appointed by the Oklahoma Renewable Energy Council;
4. The Chair of the Senate Energy, Environment and Communications Committee;
5. The Chair of the House Energy and Utility Regulation Committee;

6. The Chair of the Senate Agriculture and Rural Development Committee;

7. The Chair of the House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee;

8. The Minority Leader of the Oklahoma State Senate or designee;

9. The Minority Leader of the Oklahoma House of Representatives or designee;

10. A representative of the State Energy Office in the Oklahoma Department of Commerce;

11. A representative from each public utility contracting for electric power derived from wind resources as selected by the Chair of the Corporation Commission; and

12. A Corporation Commissioner or designee, selected by the Chair of the Commission, who shall serve as Chair of the Oklahoma Wind Power Assessment Committee.

C. The Committee shall meet at the call of the Chair, establish a schedule of meetings and make reports or recommendations for legislation to the Governor and the Legislature as the Committee deems necessary.

D. The participants in the Oklahoma Wind Power Initiative shall serve as technical advisors to the Oklahoma Wind Power Assessment Committee.

E. Appointments to the Committee shall be made by June 15, 2004, and the first meeting of the Committee shall take place no later than July 1, 2004. Staffing for the Committee shall be provided by the staff of the Corporation Commission.

F. Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for serving on the Committee, but may receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Committee may 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; and

2. Other members of the Committee may be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties by their respective agencies in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

G. The Oklahoma Wind Power Assessment Committee shall cease to exist July 1, 2009.

SECTION 2. 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 Senate the 26th day of May, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 28th day of May, 2004.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives