

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE JOINT  
RESOLUTION 24

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A Joint Resolution relating to homeland security; amending Section 1, Senate Joint Resolution No. 42, p. 2575, O.S.L. 2002 (74 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 10.6), which relates to the Office of Interim Oklahoma Homeland Security Director; removing termination date for certain office; naming Director of Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as Interim Oklahoma Homeland Security Director; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the security of our nation and the states is paramount in the face of continued threats of terrorism; and

WHEREAS, each state must respond to national security needs; and

WHEREAS, each state must be prepared to protect its citizens and to respond to terrorist attacks within the state; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is working in cooperation with the states to enhance homeland security; and

WHEREAS, in 2002 the Office of Interim Oklahoma Homeland Security Director was created and the Secretary of Safety and Security was named the Interim Homeland Security Director; and

WHEREAS, the position of Secretary of Safety and Security has been vacated; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma needs a person with clear authority from the executive and legislative branches to serve as interim homeland security director until the Legislature and the Governor can determine the appropriateness of creating a permanent homeland security director and determine the appropriate functions and duties of a permanent homeland security director and until a permanent homeland security director can be selected and employed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 49TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1, Senate Joint Resolution No. 42, p. 2575, O.S.L. 2002 (74 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 10.6), is amended to read as follows:

Section 10.6 A. There is hereby created the Office of Interim Oklahoma Homeland Security Director. The Office of Interim Oklahoma Homeland Security Director shall exist ~~until December 31, 2003, or~~ until a permanent office of Oklahoma homeland security, or permanent position with similar duties and responsibilities, is established by the Legislature and is filled as may be provided by law, ~~whichever occurs sooner.~~ The ~~Secretary of Safety and Security, appointed by the Governor pursuant to Sections 10.3 and 10.5 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes,~~ Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall serve, ex-officio, as the Interim Oklahoma Homeland Security Director. If Senate confirmation is required for the appointment of a permanent homeland security director, the Office of Interim Oklahoma Homeland Security Director shall continue to exist and the ~~Secretary of Safety and Security~~ Director of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation shall serve as the Interim Director until the appointee for permanent homeland security director is confirmed by the Senate.

B. The duties of the Interim Oklahoma Homeland Security Director shall include:

1. Representing the State of Oklahoma with federal agencies as the state homeland security director for purposes of accessing federal funds and cooperating with federal agencies in the development and implementation of a nationwide homeland security plan or response;
  2. Coordinating and preparing applications for federal funds;
- and

3. Such other duties related to homeland security as the Governor may prescribe.

C. All state agencies and political subdivisions of this state are hereby directed to cooperate with and lend assistance to the Interim Oklahoma Homeland Security Director.

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.

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