

ENGROSSED SENATE AMENDMENT  
TO  
ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1589

By: Adkins of the House

and

Crutchfield of the Senate

An Act relating to oil and gas; amending 52 O.S. 2001, Section 570.12, which relates to the Production Revenue Standards Act; requiring certain information be provided with payments; modifying certain information; requiring certain information be provided to the owner upon request; limiting number of requests; requiring cross-reference information to be provided to owners at certain times; allowing cross-reference information to be provided in certain forms; and providing an effective date.

AMENDMENT NO. 1. Page 1, strike the title, enacting clause and entire bill and insert

"An Act relating to oil and gas; creating the Task Force on Oil and Gas Royalty Issues; stating membership; providing for appointments by certain date; stating task force officers; requiring quarterly meetings; providing for staff; providing for travel reimbursement; stating duties; authorizing task force to issue reports; providing for codification; 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 570.16 of Title 52, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Section 570.16 A. There is hereby created, to continue until December 31, 2007, the Task Force on Oil and Gas Royalty Issues.

B. The task force shall consist of twenty (20) members as follows:

1. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint three members of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee, one of whom shall be the chair of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee;

2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint three members of the House Energy and Utility Regulation Committee, one of whom shall be the chair of the House Energy and Utility Regulation Committee; and

3. The Governor shall appoint fourteen members as follows:

- a. the Secretary of Energy,
- b. the Secretary of Finance and Revenue,
- c. six representatives of royalty owners, to be selected after consultation with the Coalition of Oklahoma Surface and Mineral Owners, Inc., and
- d. six representatives of oil and gas producers and/or purchasers, to be selected after consultation with the Oklahoma Independent Producers Association and Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.

C. 1. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

2. Appointments to the task force shall be made by July 1, 2005.

3. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum. A majority of the members present at a meeting may act for the task force.

4. The chair of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee and the chair of the House Energy and Utility Regulation Committee shall serve as cochairs of the task force.

5. The cochairs of the task force shall convene the meetings of the task force and shall determine a schedule of meetings each year. The task force shall meet at least quarterly.

6. Proceedings of all meetings of the task force shall comply with the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

7. The task force may divide into subcommittees in furtherance of its purpose.

D. Staff of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee and the House Energy and Utility Regulation Committee shall serve as primary resource staff for the task force.

E. All departments, officers, agencies, and employees of this state shall cooperate with the task force in fulfilling its duties and responsibilities including, but not limited to, providing any information, records, or reports requested by the task force.

F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for their service, but shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

1. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

2. Nonlegislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed by their appointing authorities or respective agencies for necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

G. It shall be the duty of the task force to formulate recommendations related to oil and gas royalty issues within the State of Oklahoma.

H. The task force may, as it deems necessary, publish reports of its findings and recommendations, including recommendations for any resulting legislation.

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 April, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2005.

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