ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1834

By: Jett of the House

and

Laster of the Senate

An Act relating to telecommunications; creating the Statewide Nine-One-One Advisory Board; stating purpose of the Board; providing for membership; providing for designation of chair, meetings, and travel reimbursement; establishing duties of the Board; directing the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to provide support to the Board; stating qualifications for the Statewide Nine-One-One Coordinator; 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 2847 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Statewide Nine-One-One Advisory Board. The purpose of the Board shall be to oversee development and operation of emergency nine-one-one systems in the state.

B. The Board shall be composed of the following members appointed by the Governor:

1. The Statewide Nine-One-One Coordinator, appointed as provided for in this section;

2. One member who represents the Oklahoma Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO);

3. One member who represents the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA);

4. One member who represents the Oklahoma Municipal League (OML);

5. One member who represents the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma (ACCO);

6. One member who represents the Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils (OARC);

7. One member who represents a substate planning district as defined in Section 2843 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

8. Two members who each represent a municipal government that operates a nine-one-one system and has a population of less than one hundred thousand (100,000);

9. One member who represents a municipal government that operates a nine-one-one system and has a population of more than one hundred thousand (100,000) but less than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000);

10. One member who represents a municipal government that operates a nine-one-one system and has a population of more than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000);

11. One member who represents an organization created by an interlocal agreement for the purpose of sharing public safety answering point duties whose members are municipal governments with a population of less than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000);

12. One member who represents an organization created by an interlocal agreement for the purpose of sharing public safety answering point duties whose members are municipal governments with a population of more than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000);

13. One member who represents a telecommunications provider which services more than fifty percent (50%) of the subscribers of telephone service within the state and that supports nine-one-one equipment and services;

14. One member who represents a wireless telecommunications provider that provides wireless service coverage to fifty percent (50%) or more of the geographic area of the state;

15. One member who represents a public or private entity that supports nine-one-one services or public safety providers; and

16. The Oklahoma Secretary of Safety and Security or a designee.

C. At the first meeting, the Board shall designate a chair from its members.

D. Meetings shall be held at the call of the chair. The Board shall meet at such time as established by the chair.

E. Members of the Board shall receive no compensation for serving on the Board, but shall receive travel reimbursement by the appointing authority for travel expenses incurred in performance of their duties on the Board in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

F. The Board shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

G. The duties of the Board shall be to:

1. Secure resources for the creation, operation, expansion, and cooperative undertaking of local public safety answering points;

2. Secure and direct the distribution of public funds and grants as needed;

3. Facilitate information sharing among public safety answering points;

4. Create and maintain best practices databases for public safety answering point operations;

5. Encourage equipment and technology sharing among small jurisdictions;

6. Take steps to expand enhanced wire-line nine-one-one service to every telephone user in the state;

7. Assist public safety answering points in implementing Phase I and Phase II wireless technology;

8. Provide a clearinghouse of contact information for all telephone companies operating in the state and contact information and nine-one-one fees charged in each jurisdiction;

9. Develop training program standards for nine-one-one call takers;

10. Designate a Statewide Nine-One-One Coordinator; and

11. Take any steps as may be necessary to carry out the duties provided for in this subsection.

H. The Oklahoma Department of Commerce shall provide administrative, fiscal, and staff support for the Board.

I. To be eligible to serve as the Statewide Nine-One-One Coordinator, a person shall have a minimum of three (3) years nine-one-one or public safety experience and demonstrate an ability to work with diverse groups. The Coordinator shall not receive direct or indirect income from a business or entity providing public safety equipment or services in the state.

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 House of Representatives the 16th day of March, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate