

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2955

By: Hickman, Armes, DeWitt,
Denney, Blackwell, Billy,
Ellis, Glenn, Pruett,
Roggow, Walker and Braddock
of the House

and

Laughlin of the Senate

(agriculture - Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
Food, and Forestry - plan - codification -
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 2-31 of Title 2, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry
shall develop a plan to create an independent agricultural tourism
organization. This organization shall be established as a tax
exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue
Code. The plan shall include:

1. All necessary provisions to form a partnership with the
Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation, the Oklahoma
Department of Commerce, and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
Food, and Forestry; and

2. Provisions to create a board with the number of members to
be determined by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and
Forestry and membership to include at least one member from the
Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation, one member from the
Oklahoma Department of Commerce, and one member from the Oklahoma
Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry.

B. The Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall make a report of the plan to the Legislature by January 1, 2007.

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 15th day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate