ENROLLED 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 appointment of chair, meetings and travel reimbursement; establishing duties of the Board; directing the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to provide support for 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:

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 Communication Officials (APSCO) to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

3. One member who represents the Oklahoma Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association (NENA) to be appointed by the Governor;

4. One member who represents the Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

5. One member who represents the Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma (ACCO) to be appointed by the Governor;

6. One member who represents the Oklahoma Association of Regional Councils (OARC) to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

7. One member who represents the Oklahoma State Law Enforcement Communications Association (OSLECA) to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

8. One member who represents a substate planning district as defined in Section 2843 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes to be appointed by the Governor;

9. 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), one to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to be appointed by the Governor;

10. 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) to be appointed by the Governor;

11. 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) to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

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

13. One member who represents an organization created by an interlocal agreement for the purpose of sharing public safety answering-point duties and whose members are municipal governments with a population of more than four hundred fifty thousand (450,000) to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

14. One member who is a nine-one-one coordinator for a county with a population of less than twenty thousand (20,000), to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

15. One member who is a nine-one-one coordinator for a county with a population of more than twenty thousand (20,000), to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

16. One member who is a nine-one-one coordinator for a county, to be appointed by the Governor;

17. One member who represents a local exchange telecommunications service provider which serves less than fifty thousand (50,000) access lines in the state or a telephone cooperative to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

18. One member who represents a local exchange telecommunications service provider which serves more than fifty thousand (50,000) access lines in the state to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

19. One member who represents a Tier I wireless carrier, as defined by the Federal Communications Commission, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

20. One member who represents a Tier II wireless carrier, as defined by the Federal Communications Commission, to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

21. One member who represents a Tier III wireless carrier, as defined by the Federal Communications Commission, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

22. One member who represents a public or private entity that supports nine-one-one services or public safety providers to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

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

C. At its 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 is established by the chair.

E. Board members shall receive no compensation for serving on the Board but shall receive travel reimbursement by the appointing authority for travel expenses incurred in the performance of Board duties 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 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 nine-one-one or 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 23rd day of May, 2005.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 25th day of May, 2005.

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