

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

3 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1589

By: Crutchfield of the Senate

and

Adkins of the House

8 FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

9 [ oil and gas - creating the Task Force on Oil and  
10 Gas Royalty Issues -

emergency ]

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in  
15 the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 570.16 of Title 52, unless there is  
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

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

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

28 3. The Governor shall appoint fourteen members as follows:

29 a. the Secretary of Energy,

30 b. the Secretary of Finance and Revenue,

1 c. six representatives of royalty owners, to be selected  
2 after consultation with the Coalition of Oklahoma  
3 Surface and Mineral Owners, Inc., and

4 d. six representatives of oil and gas producers and/or  
5 purchasers, to be selected after consultation with the  
6 Oklahoma Independent Producers Association and Mid-  
7 Continent Oil and Gas Association.

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

11 2. Appointments to the task force shall be made by July 1,  
12 2005.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
18 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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