STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE JOINT
RESOLUTION HJR1022: Toure

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution establishing the Oklahoma Execution Task Force of 2005; providing for membership; providing for the appointment of chair and vice-chair; providing for travel reimbursement; providing for duties; requiring certain report to Governor and Legislature; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 50TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created until February 1, 2006, the "Oklahoma Execution Task Force of 2005".

B. The task force shall be composed of thirteen (13) members as follows:

1. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, or a designee;

2. Presiding Judge of the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, or a designee;

3. Executive Director of the District Attorneys Council;

4. Five persons appointed by the Governor;

5. One person appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

6. One person appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

7. Chair of the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives;

8. Chair of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate; and

9. District judge appointed by the Chair of the State Judicial Conference.

C. The chair shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The vice-chair shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The chair shall convene the first meeting of the task force. The members of the task force shall elect any other officers during the first meeting and upon a vacancy in any office. The task force shall meet as often as necessary. Task force members employed by the state shall be reimbursed for travel expenses related to their service on the task force by their respective agencies pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the task force shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Remaining task force members shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the task force by their appointing authorities pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

D. Administrative support for the task force, including, but not limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the task force, shall be provided by the Criminal Justice Resource Center to be supplemented, if necessary, by the staff of the House of Representatives and the Senate. All participating state agencies shall provide for any administrative support requested by the task force.

E. The task force shall study and determine whether any person who was convicted of murder in the first degree and received a sentence of death in Oklahoma, which sentence was imposed, was innocent of the crime for which the person was executed.

F. The task force shall make a report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of

Representatives, and the appropriate committees of the State Senate and the House of Representatives by February 1, 2006. The report shall be prepared by the administrative staff of the affected agencies.

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 resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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