

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 379

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to environment and natural resources; creating a legislative task force to implement a funding program designed to reduce certain negative environmental effects related to overuse of poultry litter in certain areas; stating membership; requiring appointments within certain time period; providing for meetings; appointing chair; requiring meetings to be in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; requiring task force to seek proposals by public; providing for report; stating date of termination; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

A. This is hereby created a legislative task force for the purpose of studying and recommending legislative proposals to implement a funding program designed to reduce the negative environmental effects caused by the overuse of poultry litter within sensitive watershed areas located in this state.

B. Such task force shall consist of five members of the Oklahoma State Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; five members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Secretary of the Environment, or designee; and four members appointed by the Governor. All appointments shall be made within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this act.

C. The first meeting of the task force shall be convened at the call of the Governor; thereafter, meetings shall be called by the

Secretary of the Environment, who shall be chair of the task force. All meetings of the task force shall be held in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. The task force shall seek proposals and study recommendations submitted by any interested persons or organizations

D. If the majority of the members of the task force deem it necessary and appropriate, the task force may make a report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, which should include any necessary legislative recommendations, no later than January 15, 2006, at which time the task force shall cease to exist.

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.

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