

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 3006

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8 An Act relating to counties and county officers;
9 creating the Task Force on Digitizing the County
10 Records of Oklahoma; providing for membership;
11 providing for travel reimbursement; providing for
12 duties; requiring a report; providing for
13 noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

17 A. The Oklahoma Legislature hereby finds that:

18 1. The records of Oklahoma counties are vital to the history,
19 and current and future business and industry of the State of
20 Oklahoma;

21 2. Oklahoma's seventy-seven counties are at various stages of
22 electronically archiving and subsequently allowing access to the
23 official records of the county as they are digitally preserved; and
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1 3. For the future advancement and protection of county records
2 and for the economy of the State of Oklahoma, the county records of
3 Oklahoma need to be digitally preserved and archived.

4 B. There is hereby created, to continue until December 31,
5 2009, the Task Force on Digitizing the County Records of Oklahoma.

6 1. The task force shall be composed of six (6) members:

- 7 a. three members shall be county clerks recommended by
8 the Executive Board of the Oklahoma County Clerk's
9 Association, appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma
10 House of Representatives. One member shall represent
11 a county of less than 30,000 in population, one member
12 shall represent a county of 30,001 to 500,000 in
13 population, and one shall represent a county that
14 exceeds 500,000 in population,
- 15 b. one member shall represent an Oklahoma-based oil and
16 gas exploration and production company to be appointed
17 by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate,
- 18 c. one member shall represent a member of the Oklahoma
19 media or a press organization to be appointed by the
20 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and
- 21 d. one member shall represent Oklahoma Land Title
22 Association to be appointed by the President Pro
23 Tempore of the Senate.
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1 2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the
2 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall each designate a cochair
3 of the Task Force. The cochairs shall convene the first meeting of
4 the Task Force.

5 3. Vacancies on the task force shall be filled by the
6 appointing authority within thirty (30) days of such vacancy.

7 4. Members of the task force shall be reimbursed for necessary
8 travel expenses incurred in the performance of duties in accordance
9 with the provisions of Section 500.2 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
10 Statutes.

11 C. The task force shall be authorized to meet at such times as
12 may be required to perform the duties imposed upon it by law.

13 D. The task force shall examine:

14 1. The status and various stages of electronically archiving
15 records in all seventy-seven counties in the State of Oklahoma;

16 2. All costs associated with electronically archiving records
17 in all counties in Oklahoma;

18 3. Minimum standards associated with electronically archiving
19 and subsequently retrieving for all parties official records as they
20 are digitally preserved;

21 4. The most efficient and effective methods other states have
22 utilized in electronically archiving official records of the county;
23 and

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1 5. Costs associated with retrieving electronic images of
2 official records from each county and fees counties should be
3 permitted to assess in regard to retrieving that information.

4 E. The task force shall summarize its study, examination, and
5 majority recommendations in a report by June 30, 2009. The report
6 shall be distributed to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

8 F. The task force may request such assistance as it may require
9 from the legislative staff of the Oklahoma Legislature and any other
10 state entity it deems appropriate.

11 G. Appointments to the task force shall be made no later than
12 September 1, 2008.

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

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