

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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Committee Substitute for  
House Bill No. 3006

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 3006 - By: JOHNSON (ROB) of the House and \_\_\_\_\_ of the Senate.

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

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

- 1       SECTION 1.   NEW LAW   A new section of law not to be codified in the  
2 Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:
- 3       A. The Oklahoma Legislature hereby finds that:
- 4       1. The records of Oklahoma counties are vital to the history, and current and future  
5 business and industry of the State of Oklahoma;
- 6       2. Oklahoma's seventy-seven counties are at various stages of electronically  
7 archiving and subsequently allowing access to the official records of the county as they  
8 are digitally preserved; and
- 9       3. For the future advancement and protection of county records and for the  
10 economy of the State of Oklahoma, the county records of Oklahoma need to be digitally  
11 preserved and archived.

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

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

- 4 a. three members shall be county clerks recommended by the Executive  
5 Board of the Oklahoma County Clerk's Association, appointed by the  
6 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. One member  
7 shall represent a county of less than 30,000 in population, one member  
8 shall represent a county of 30,001 to 500,000 in population, and one  
9 shall represent a county that exceeds 500,000 in population,
- 10 b. one member shall represent an Oklahoma-based oil and gas  
11 exploration and production company to be appointed by the President  
12 Pro Tempore of the Senate,
- 13 c. one member shall represent a member of the Oklahoma media or a  
14 press organization to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
15 Senate, and
- 16 d. one member shall represent Oklahoma Land Title Association to be  
17 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

18 2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of  
19 the Senate shall each designate a cochair of the Task Force. The cochairs shall convene  
20 the first meeting of the Task Force.

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

1           4. Members of the task force shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses  
2 incurred in the performance of duties in accordance with the provisions of Section 500.2  
3 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

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

6           D. The task force shall examine:

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

9           2. All costs associated with electronically archiving records in all counties in  
10 Oklahoma;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND  
8 TRANSPORTATION, dated 02-26-08 - DO PASS, As Amended.