

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3213

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to telecommunications; creating the  
8 Task Force on Wireless Telecommunications Coverage;  
9 stating purpose of the Task Force; providing for  
10 membership; providing for appointments, meetings,  
11 officers, travel reimbursements, and staffing;  
12 stating duties of the Task Force; requiring a report  
13 by certain date; providing for noncodification; and  
14 declaring an emergency.

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

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

18 A. There is hereby created to continue until July 1, 2009, the  
19 Task Force on Wireless Telecommunications Coverage. The purpose of  
20 the Task Force shall be to study wireless telecommunications  
21 coverage in the state and how to provide incentives to ensure  
22 statewide coverage of wireless communications.

23 B. The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

24 1. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives,  
appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

1           2. One member of the State Senate, appointed by the President  
2 Pro Tempore of the State Senate;

3           3. One member who represents a substate planning district as  
4 defined in Section 2843 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes,  
5 appointed by the Governor;

6           4. Two members who represent wireless service providers, one to  
7 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one  
8 to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

9           5. Two members who represent municipal governments, one to be  
10 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and one to  
11 be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

12           6. A member of the Corporation Commission.

13           C. Members of the Task Force shall be appointed no later than  
14 September 1, 2008. The first meeting of the Task Force shall be  
15 called by the Corporation Commissioner. Subsequent meetings shall  
16 be held at the call of the chair or vice-chair. The chair and vice-  
17 chair of the Task Force shall be elected by the members at the first  
18 meeting of the Task Force.

19           D. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation but  
20 shall receive travel reimbursement as follows:

21           1. Legislative members shall be reimbursed for their necessary  
22 travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in  
23 accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;  
24 and

1           2. Nonlegislative members shall be reimbursed by their  
2 respective agencies or appointing authority for their necessary  
3 travel expenses in the performance of their duties in accordance  
4 with the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

5           E. Staffing for the Task Force shall be performed by the staff  
6 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State Senate.

7           F. The Task Force shall study the following issues and make a  
8 report of its findings and any recommendations to the Governor,  
9 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives, and the President  
10 Pro Tempore of the State Senate by February 1, 2009:

11           1. Determine the location of cellular towers in the state and  
12 the areas of the state where wireless service is not available;

13           2. Determine if there are portions of the state highway system  
14 where wireless service is not available;

15           3. Study issues relating to the siting of and regulation of  
16 cellular towers; and

17           4. Make recommendations on incentives designed to encourage  
18 wireless service providers to locate cellular towers and offer  
19 wireless service in areas of the state where wireless service is not  
20 currently available.

21           SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
22 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby

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1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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