

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 1840

By: Sykes, Gumm and Branan of
the Senate

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4 and

Johnson of the House
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8 (natural gas service - creating task force -
9 noncodification -

10 emergency)
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13 AUTHOR: Add the following House Coauthor: Sherrer

14 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause and
entire bill and insert
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16 "An Act relating to retail natural gas service;
17 creating task force to study retail natural gas
service; stating duties of the task force; stating
18 membership; stating ex officio members; requiring
appointments to be made within certain time period;
19 providing for meeting, quorum and vacancies;
providing a termination date; providing for travel
20 reimbursement; providing for staffing; providing for
noncodification; and declaring an emergency.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:
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1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
2 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

3 A. There is hereby created until January 31, 2011, a task force
4 for the purpose of studying the availability of retail natural gas
5 service in Oklahoma. The task force shall explore options to
6 overcome obstacles currently impeding the expansion of retail
7 natural gas supply services to new homes and commercial building
8 development areas which are being forced to use less efficient
9 energy sources rather than cleaner, more economical and locally
10 produced natural gas. The task force shall solicit participation
11 from all retail natural gas providers in the area of the state south
12 of Interstate 40 and determine what remedies may be available to
13 provide much-needed natural gas service to the many citizens and
14 business operators in this area of the state.

15 B. The task force shall be composed of twelve (12) members as
16 follows:

17 1. One member of the Senate whose Senate district includes any
18 portion of the state south of Interstate 40 and who also serves on
19 the Senate Energy and Environment Committee appointed by the
20 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, who shall serve as cochair of
21 the task force;

22 2. One member of the House of Representatives whose House
23 district includes any portion of the state south of Interstate 40
24 and who also serves on the House Energy and Utility Regulation

1 Committee appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives,
2 who shall serve as cochair of the task force;

3 3. Three members of the Senate whose Senate districts include
4 any portion of the state south of Interstate 40 appointed by the
5 President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

6 4. Three members of the House of Representatives whose House
7 districts include any portion of the state south of Interstate 40
8 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

9 5. A member of the Corporation Commission or a designee as
10 selected by the Commission;

11 6. One person who represents a natural gas company that
12 operates in the portion of the state south of Interstate 40
13 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

14 7. One person who represents a natural gas services company
15 that operates in the portion of the state south of Interstate 40
16 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and

17 8. One person who represents a natural gas utility corporation
18 that operates in the portion of the state south of Interstate 40
19 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

20 C. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of
21 the House of Representatives shall serve as ex officio members of
22 the task force.

23 D. Appointments to this task force shall be made within thirty
24 (30) days following enactment of this act.

1 E. The task force is authorized to meet at the call of the
2 cochairs, and its activities will terminate no later than January
3 31, 2011. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing
4 authority. A majority of members of the task force shall constitute
5 a quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right
6 of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the task
7 force. A vacancy on the task force shall be filled by the original
8 appointing authority.

9 F. 1. Legislative members of the task force shall be
10 reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the
11 performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title
12 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

13 2. The Corporation Commissioner or designee and all other
14 members of the task force may be reimbursed by the Corporation
15 Commission for necessary travel expenses pursuant to the State
16 Travel Reimbursement Act.

17 G. Staffing for the task force shall be provided by the Senate
18 and House of Representatives staff.

19 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
20 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
21 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
22 be in full force from and after its passage and approval."
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1 Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of April, 2010.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House of
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6 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2010.

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