

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 1957

By: Sykes of the Senate

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4 DeWitt of the House

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7 An Act relating to counties and county officers;
8 requiring substate planning districts to employ
9 certain person; setting out duties; providing
10 leadership and support to Rural Fire Coordinators;
11 providing for codification; and providing an
12 effective date.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 901.62 of Title 19, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. Each substate planning district within the State of Oklahoma
18 that has a Rural Fire Coordinator Program as of January 1, 2010,
19 shall employ a Rural Fire Coordinator. The Rural Fire Coordinator
20 shall work with rural fire departments to provide his or her
21 expertise and experience in solving local problems related to
22 equipment, staffing, and funding. In addition, the Rural Fire
23 Coordinator shall:

1 1. Provide technical assistance to the rural fire department in
2 the development of their equipment, communications system, and
3 training programs;

4 2. Administer state and federal grant programs to assist rural
5 fire departments within established guidelines and procedures to
6 obtain financial assistance to improve their fire protection
7 capabilities;

8 3. Coordinate efforts of the rural fire departments with those
9 of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to
10 manage fire suppression throughout the state during periods of
11 emergency; and

12 4. Provide certification of rural fire departments in the
13 district in compliance with Section 901.56 of Title 19 of the
14 Oklahoma Statutes.

15 B. The Oklahoma Forestry Services Division of the Oklahoma
16 Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry shall provide
17 leadership and support to the Rural Fire Coordinators.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.
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1 Passed the Senate the 3rd day of March, 2010.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
6 2010.

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