

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 52nd Legislature (2010)

3 SENATE BILL 1352

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to food availability in rural areas;  
8 creating the Rural Food Desert Task Force; providing  
9 expiration date; specifying duty; providing for  
10 membership; directing selection of chair and vice-  
11 chair; requiring quorum; providing for travel  
reimbursement; directing staff support by the  
12 Oklahoma Department of Commerce; requiring certain  
13 report; providing for noncodification; providing an  
14 effective date; and 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 until November 30, 2010, the Rural  
19 Food Desert Task Force. The task force shall investigate ways to  
20 encourage and incentivize national and local retail food stores to  
21 establish and operate locations in rural parts of the state.

22 B. The task force shall be composed of eight (8) members as  
23 follows:

24 1. Four members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
Senate as follows:

- a. a representative of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce,
- b. a representative of an organization for commercial food workers in the state,
- c. a municipal- or county-wide elected official from the northeast quadrant of the state, and
- d. a municipal- or county-wide elected official from the southwest quadrant of the state; and

2. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:

- a. a representative of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry,
- b. a representative of the State Department of Health,
- c. a municipal- or county-wide elected official from the northwest quadrant of the state, and
- d. a municipal- or county-wide elected official from the southeast quadrant of the state.

C. The members of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

D. The chair and vice-chair of the task force shall be selected by the task force from among the members.

E. A quorum of the task force shall be required in order for any final action by the task force.

1 F. Members of the task force shall receive no compensation for  
2 their service, but shall be reimbursed for necessary travel expenses  
3 incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with the  
4 State Travel Reimbursement Act.

5 G. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the  
6 Oklahoma Department of Commerce.

7 H. The task force shall report its findings, including any  
8 legislative recommendations, to the President Pro Tempore of the  
9 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the  
10 Governor by November 30, 2010.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2010.

12 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
13 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
14 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
15 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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