

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 685

By: Sykes of the Senate

and

Sanders of the House

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10 An Act relating to substate planning districts;
11 directing certain division of the Oklahoma Department
12 of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to administer the
13 Rural Fire Coordinator Program; requiring substate
14 planning districts to participate in the Rural Fire
Coordinator Program under certain circumstances;
15 setting out duties of the Rural Fire Coordinator;
16 providing for codification; and providing an
effective date.

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

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

21 The Forestry Division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
22 Food, and Forestry shall administer the Rural Fire Coordinator
23 Program. Any substate planning district that has employed a Rural
24 Fire Coordinator prior to January 1, 2011, shall participate in the

1 Rural Fire Coordinator Program. The Rural Fire Coordinator shall
2 work with rural fire departments to provide their expertise and
3 experience in solving local problems related to equipment, staffing,
4 and funding. In addition, the Rural Fire Coordinator shall:

5 1. Provide technical assistance to the rural fire departments
6 in the development of their equipment, communications system, and
7 training programs;

8 2. Administer state and federal grant programs to assist rural
9 fire departments within established guidelines and procedures to
10 obtain financial assistance to improve their fire protection
11 capabilities;

12 3. Coordinate efforts of the rural fire departments with those
13 of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry to
14 manage fire suppression throughout the state during periods of
15 emergency; and

16 4. Provide certification of rural fire departments in the
17 district in compliance with Section 901.56 of Title 19 of the
18 Oklahoma Statutes.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2011.

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