

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 685

By: Sykes of the Senate

3 and

4 Sanders of the House

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6 [substate planning districts - requiring districts
7 to participate in program - support to Rural Fire
8 Coordinators - codification - effective date]
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

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

14 The Forestry Division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
15 Food, and Forestry shall administer the Rural Fire Coordinator
16 Program. Any substate planning district that has employed a Rural
17 Fire Coordinator prior to January 1, 2011, shall participate in the
18 Rural Fire Coordinator Program. The Rural Fire Coordinator shall
19 work with rural fire departments to provide their expertise and
20 experience in solving local problems related to equipment, staffing,
21 and funding. In addition, the Rural Fire Coordinator shall:

22 1. Provide technical assistance to the rural fire departments
23 in the development of their equipment, communications system, and
24 training programs;

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

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

9 4. Provide certification of rural fire departments in the
10 district in compliance with Section 901.56 of Title 19 of the
11 Oklahoma Statutes.

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

13 Passed the Senate the 14th day of March, 2011.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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17 Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,

18 2011.

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