

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 53rd Legislature (2011)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR ENGROSSED
6 SENATE BILL NO. 685

By: Sykes of the Senate

and

Sanders of the House

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10 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

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

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

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

24 The Forestry Division of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture,
Food, and Forestry shall administer the Rural Fire Coordinator

UNDERLINED language denotes Amendments to present Statutes.
BOLD FACE CAPITALIZED language denotes Committee Amendments.
~~Strike thru~~ language denotes deletion from present Statutes.

1 Program. Any substate planning district that has employed a Rural
2 Fire Coordinator prior to January 1, 2011, shall participate in the
3 Rural Fire Coordinator Program. The Rural Fire Coordinator shall
4 work with rural fire departments to provide their expertise and
5 experience in solving local problems related to equipment, staffing,
6 and funding. In addition, the Rural Fire Coordinator shall:

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

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

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

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

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

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23 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, WILDLIFE &
24 ENVIRONMENT, dated 03-30-2011 - DO PASS, As Amended.