

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE CONCURRENT
4 RESOLUTION 1027

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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8 A Concurrent Resolution creating the Task Force on
9 Oil and Gas Well Pooling; directing the Task Force to
10 study certain issues and make recommendations;
11 establishing membership; providing for cochairs,
12 meetings, service, quorum, vacancies and staff
13 support; directing state agencies to provide support
14 and information; allowing for travel reimbursement;
15 allowing the Task Force to seek certain assistance
16 for certain purpose; requiring the Task Force to
17 submit a report; and directing distribution.

18 WHEREAS, Oklahoma has had oil and gas pooling laws in effect for
19 many years; and

20 WHEREAS, the application of the oil and gas pooling laws to
21 nonproducing and unplugged well has not been reviewed in a long time;
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23 WHEREAS, because the oil and gas industry in Oklahoma is
24 continually growing and changing it is crucial that the laws reflect
the current state of the industry; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial that the oil and gas pooling laws be
reviewed and studied, and recommendations on modification be made.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
2 OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 53RD OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE
3 CONCURRING THEREIN:

4 THAT there is hereby created until December 31, 2012, the Task
5 Force on Oil and Gas Well Pooling.

6 THAT the Task Force shall review, study and make recommendations
7 on modifications to the current pooling laws, and specifically the
8 pooling laws as applied to nonproducing and unplugged oil and gas
9 wells. In addition the Task Force may study and make
10 recommendations on any other relevant issues.

11 THAT the Task Force shall consist of ten (10) members as
12 follows:

- 13 1. The chair of the Corporation Commission or a designee;
- 14 2. The Secretary of Energy or designee;
- 15 3. Two persons who represent a mineral owners association in
16 the state, selected by the Governor;
- 17 4. Two persons who represent a landowners association in the
18 state, selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- 19 5. Two persons who represent the oil and gas industry in the
20 state, selected by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;
- 21 6. A member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the
22 Speaker of the House of Representatives; and
- 23 7. A member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro
24 Tempore of the Senate.

1 THAT the member of the House of Representatives and the member
2 of the Senate shall serve as cochairs of the Task Force.
3 Appointments to the Task Force shall be made within thirty (30) days
4 after the effective date of this resolution. Meetings of the Task
5 Force shall be held at the call of either cochair of the Task Force.
6 Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities.
7 A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute a
8 quorum to transact business, but no vacancy shall impair the right
9 of the remaining members to exercise all of the powers of the Task
10 Force. A vacancy on the Task Force shall be filled by the original
11 appointing authority. Staff support for the Task Force shall be
12 provided by the staff of the House of Representatives, Senate and
13 Corporation Commission. Other state agencies shall provide support
14 and information as requested by the Task Force.

15 THAT members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for
16 serving on the Task Force, but may receive travel reimbursement,
17 contingent on the availability of public or private funds for this
18 purpose.

19 THAT the Task Force may seek the assistance of the Legislative
20 Service Bureau or the Corporation Commission to contract with an
21 independent consultant as necessary to fulfill the duties specified
22 in this section contingent on the availability of funds.

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1 THAT the Task Force shall submit a final report by December 31,
2 2012, to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and
3 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

4 THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Governor,
5 the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President Pro
6 Tempore of the Senate, the chair of the Corporation Commission and
7 the Secretary of Energy.

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