

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2137

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to revenue and taxation; creating the
8 Task Force on Comprehensive Tax Reform for
9 Oklahomans; providing purpose; providing for
10 appointment of members; requiring organizational
11 meeting; providing for task force chair, vacancies,
12 quorum and meetings; prohibiting compensations;
13 providing for staff assistance; requiring task force
14 to submit final report; providing for expiration of
15 task force; and providing for codification.

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

17 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
18 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 290 of Title 68, unless there is
19 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

20 A. There is hereby created the Task Force on Comprehensive Tax
21 Reform for Oklahomans. The purpose of the task force is to study
22 and develop a comprehensive plan to accomplish thoughtful reform in
23 the Oklahoma tax system focused on revenue-neutral combinations of
24 tax elimination and offsetting credit, exemption or deduction
elimination. Additionally the purpose is to develop a responsible
approach to modifying tax policies based on actual data and with an

1 end goal of achievable improvements for taxpayers without stifling
2 economic growth or endangering state revenues. The task force
3 examination shall include current and potential tax types as well as
4 applicable credits, exemption and deductions.

5 B. The Oklahoma Task Force shall be composed of the following
6 nine (9) members:

7 1. The Chair of the Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee of the
8 Appropriations and Budget Committee of the Oklahoma House of
9 Representatives;

10 2. The Vice-chair of the Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee of
11 the Appropriations and Budget Committee of the Oklahoma House of
12 Representatives;

13 3. The Chair of the Senate Finance Committee;

14 4. The Vice-chair of the Senate Finance Committee;

15 5. The Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
16 Services or designee;

17 6. A member of the Oklahoma Tax Commission appointed by the
18 Chairman of the Oklahoma Tax Commission;

19 7. Two economics professors employed at universities in this
20 state appointed by the Governor; and

21 8. The Director of the of the Center for Economic and
22 Management Research at the University of Oklahoma Price College of
23 Business.

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1 C. The task force shall conduct an organizational meeting no
2 later than September 1, 2013. A majority of the members present at
3 the organizational meeting or any subsequent meeting shall
4 constitute a quorum for the purpose of any action taken including
5 the preparation and approval of the final report required by
6 subsection H of this section.

7 D. The chair of the task force shall be the Director of the
8 Center for Economic and Management Research at the University of
9 Oklahoma Price College of Business.

10 E. Any vacancy in the appointments made pursuant to this
11 section shall be filled in the same manner as the original
12 appointments.

13 F. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet as necessary in
14 order to perform the duties imposed upon it. Legislative members of
15 the Task Force shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to
16 the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
17 Other members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed as provided by
18 the appointing authority.

19 G. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the
20 staffs of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma
21 State Senate. Entities of state government having information that
22 would be helpful to the task force shall provide such assistance and
23 information to the task force as may be required.
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1 H. The task force shall submit a final report to the Governor,
2 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro
3 Tempore of the Senate on or before December 31, 2014, regarding the
4 findings and recommendations of the task force.

5 I. The task force shall cease to have any authority to take any
6 official action after January 1, 2015, and shall be dissolved by
7 operation of law on February 1, 2015.

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