

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 SENATE BILL 1969

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to substate planning districts;
8 directing certain division of the State Fire Marshal
9 Commission to administer the Rural Fire Coordinator
10 Program; requiring substate planning districts to
11 participate in the Rural Fire Coordinator Program
12 under certain circumstances; setting out duties of
13 the Rural Fire Coordinator; providing for
14 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

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

19 The State Fire Marshal shall administer the Rural Fire
20 Coordinator Program. Any substate planning district that has
21 employed a Rural Fire Coordinator prior to January 1, 2014, shall
22 participate in the Rural Fire Coordinator Program. The Rural Fire
23 Coordinator shall work with rural fire departments to provide their
24 expertise and experience in solving local problems related to
equipment, staffing, and funding. In addition, the Rural Fire
Coordinator shall:

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

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

8 3. Coordinate efforts of the rural fire departments with other
9 public entities and political subdivisions to manage fire
10 suppression throughout the state during periods of emergency; and

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

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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