

An Act relating to wind energy; amending 17 O.S. 2011, Sections 160.12, 160.13, 160.14, 160.15, 160.16 and 160.18, which relate to the Oklahoma Wind Energy Development Act; modifying legislative findings concerning prudent wind energy development; updating statutory citations; modifying definitions; deleting exception for wind energy facilities on the property of an owner; requiring the owner of a wind energy facility to post a bond with the Secretary of State and specifying purposes and amount; expanding decommissioning requirement; authorizing the Corporation Commission to recover certain costs from the bond of the owner; requiring financial security sufficient to cover the entire cost of decommissioning of the wind energy facility; deleting allowance for salvage value of equipment; changing time of certain filing; clarifying administrative penalty; expanding application to all wind energy facilities in the state; clarifying information required in certain statements to certain lessors of land; clarifying contents of report with regard to the location of wind energy facilities; prohibiting construction of wind energy facilities in certain locations; defining term; authorizing certain counties and municipalities to adopt stricter set back distances; requiring permit from county commissioners and specifying requirements for permits; requiring permit from municipality, if any, and specifying requirements for permits; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.