

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5 FOR  
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 2557

By: Dank and Turner

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9           An Act relating to counties; creating the Task Force  
10          for the Study of County Consolidation in Oklahoma;  
11          providing for membership; requiring organizational  
12          meeting; providing for quorum; designating a chair;  
13          providing for travel reimbursement; providing for  
14          staff assistance; requiring final report; providing  
15          for termination of Task Force; providing for  
16          codification; providing an effective date; and  
17          declaring an emergency.

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

19           SECTION 1.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
20          in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1900 of Title 19, unless there  
21          is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22           A.   There is hereby created the Task Force for the Study of  
23          County Consolidation in Oklahoma.

24           B.   The Task Force shall consist of nine (9) members as follows:

          1.   Two members appointed or selected by the Speaker of the  
Oklahoma House of Representatives;

1        2. Two members appointed or selected by the President Pro  
2 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

3        3. One member appointed or selected by the Governor;

4        4. The State Auditor and Inspector;

5        5. The Director and Secretary of Finance, Administration and  
6 Information Technology;

7        6. The principal House author of this act; and

8        7. The principal Senate author of this act.

9        C. The Task Force shall conduct an organizational meeting not  
10 later than September 30, 2014. The principal House author shall  
11 serve as the Task Force chair. A majority of the members present at  
12 the organizational meeting or any subsequent meeting shall  
13 constitute a quorum for the purpose of any action taken including  
14 the preparation and approval of the final report required by  
15 subsection F of this section.

16        D. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet as necessary in  
17 order to perform the duties imposed upon it. Legislative members of  
18 the Task Force shall be reimbursed for expenses pursuant to the  
19 provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.  
20 Other members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed pursuant to the  
21 State Travel Reimbursement Act.

22        E. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the  
23 staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma  
24 State Senate.

1 F. The Task Force shall produce a final written report of its  
2 findings and any recommendations regarding the consolidation of  
3 counties in Oklahoma. The report shall be submitted to the  
4 Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and  
5 the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate not later  
6 than February 1, 2015.

7 G. The provisions of this section shall cease to have the force  
8 and effect of law and the Task Force shall terminate effective  
9 January 1, 2015.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2014.

11 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
12 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby  
13 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
14 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT MODERNIZATION, dated  
17 02/24/2014 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.