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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2151

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An Act relating to oil and gas; creating the Oklahoma Oil and Gas Regulation Modernization Task Force; establishing membership appointment authority; stating mission of Task Force; requiring organizational meeting and requiring certain organizational selections; establishing authority related to quorum; exempting from Open Meeting Act; requiring certain notice; authorizing requests for certain assistance; requiring certain assistance; requiring certain report by certain date; requiring service without compensation or reimbursement; providing for Task Force termination; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1000 of Title 52, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the "Oklahoma Oil and Gas Regulation Modernization Task Force".

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

1 1. Three members appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House
2 of Representatives;

3 2. Three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
4 Oklahoma State Senate; and

5 3. Three members appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma
6 Corporation Commission.

7 C. The Task Force shall study current regulation related to the
8 identification, exploration and development of oil and natural gas
9 resources in Oklahoma and identify opportunities for modernizing
10 regulation so as to enhance efficiencies related to such
11 identification, exploration and development while also preserving
12 the interests of owners of oil and gas rights in Oklahoma.

13 D. The Task Force shall hold an organizational meeting not
14 later than December 1, 2017. The Task Force shall select from its
15 membership a chair and vice chair.

16 E. The Task Force may conduct business without a quorum of its
17 membership being present, but a quorum shall be required to be
18 present for purposes of adoption of the final report of the Task
19 Force.

20 F. The Task Force shall not be subject to the Oklahoma Open
21 Meeting Act but shall cause notice of its meetings to be posted
22 through the website of both the Oklahoma House of Representatives
23 and the Oklahoma State Senate at least ten (10) days prior to its
24 meetings.

1 G. The Task Force may request the assistance of any state
2 agency, board, commission, department or other entity of state
3 government to acquire relevant information for purposes of the
4 study. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the
5 Oklahoma House of Representatives and the Oklahoma State Senate.

6 H. The Task Force shall develop a final report and transmit the
7 report not later than December 1, 2018, to the Governor, the Speaker
8 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro
9 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

10 I. Each member of the Task Force shall serve without
11 compensation or reimbursement.

12 J. The Task Force shall terminate effective the day following
13 the transmission of the report required by subsection H of this
14 section.

15 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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