

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

SENATE BILL 1088

By: Simpson of the Senate

and

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An Act relating to unmanned aircraft systems;  
defining term; allowing for certain use by pipeline  
companies and utility companies; allowing for certain  
restrictions of use; providing for codification; 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 323 of Title 3, unless there is  
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section, "unmanned aircraft systems (UAS)"  
means any unmanned or uninhabited vehicle that is capable of either  
powered locomotion on the ground or powered flight in the air, or  
both, and that does not carry a human operator on or in the vehicle.  
A UAS may be remotely controlled or programmed to operate  
autonomously or on planned routes.

1       B. Pipeline companies and utility companies may use UAS to  
2 inspect pipelines and utility rights-of-way within the limits of  
3 their authorized rights-of-way and may operate at an altitude that  
4 provides thorough inspection of the pipelines and utility row.  
5 Below two hundred (200) feet above ground level pipeline operators  
6 and utility companies may operate a UAS beyond visual line of sight  
7 provided:

8       1. The operator stays within the limits of the rights-of-way or  
9 within the property boundaries;

10       2. The operator is able to effectively and safely maintain  
11 positive control of the UAS; and

12       3. The operator yields to and remains clear of any manned  
13 aircraft in the area.

14       SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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