

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1856

By: Osborn (Leslie) and
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8 An Act relating to state government; creating the
9 Task Force for the Study of the Oklahoma Tax Code;
10 providing purpose for Task Force and requirements for
11 study; providing for appointment and selection of
12 Task Force members; requiring organizational meeting
13 by specified date; requiring selection of chair and
14 vice-chair; providing requirements for quorum; making
15 number of meetings permissive; requiring written
16 report by certain date and specifying contents
17 thereof; subjecting Task Force to certain provisions;
18 providing for staff assistance from specified
19 entities; providing for noncodification; providing an
20 effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

22 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
23 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

24 A. There is hereby created the Task Force for the Study of the
Oklahoma Tax Code. The purpose of the Task Force shall be to
conduct a comprehensive study of the Oklahoma Tax Code to include,
but not be limited to:

1 1. A review of all potential sustainable revenue streams which
2 could be made available to different levels of government;

3 2. A review of all and potential sustainable budget cuts which
4 could be implemented by the different levels of government; and

5 3. Such other matters related to tax as the Task Force deems
6 relevant.

7 B. The Task Force shall consist of sixteen (16) members to be
8 selected as follows:

9 1. The Governor shall appoint:

10 a. one person representing a municipality with a
11 population of less than fifty thousand (50,000)
12 persons,

13 b. one person representing a statewide nonprofit
14 organization, the membership of which consists
15 primarily of municipalities organized under the laws
16 of the State of Oklahoma and which organization
17 supports the functions of such municipalities,

18 c. one person representing a statewide nonprofit
19 organization, the membership of which consists
20 primarily of counties organized under the laws of the
21 State of Oklahoma and which organization supports the
22 function of such counties,

23 d. five persons with business experience, one from each
24 of the state's Congressional districts. Three members

1 shall represent small businesses and two shall
2 represent large businesses. For purposes of this
3 section, a "small business" shall mean a for-profit
4 enterprise consisting of fifty or fewer full-time or
5 part-time employees, and a "large business" shall mean
6 a for-profit enterprise consisting of more than fifty
7 full-time or part-time employees;

8 2. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint:

- 9 a. two persons representing municipalities with a
10 population in excess of four hundred thousand
11 (400,000) persons according to the latest Federal
12 Decennial Census,
- 13 b. one person representing a municipality with a
14 population in excess of fifty thousand (50,000)
15 persons but not in excess of one hundred thousand
16 (100,000) persons according to the latest Federal
17 Decennial Census,
- 18 c. one person of the Senate who serves as a member of a
19 committee with jurisdiction over the budget of the
20 Oklahoma Tax Commission, and
- 21 d. one person of the Senate who serves as a member of the
22 Finance Committee; and

23 3. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint:
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- a. one person representing a municipality with a population in excess of one hundred thousand (100,000) but not in excess of four hundred thousand (400,000) persons according to the latest Federal Decennial Census,
- b. one person of the House of Representatives who serves as a member of a committee with jurisdiction over the budget of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, and
- c. one person of the House of Representatives who serves as a member of the Revenue and Taxation Subcommittee.

C. The Task Force shall conduct an organizational meeting not later than September 30, 2017. Such meeting shall be called by the Governor. A chair and cochair shall be selected by the members present at the organizational meeting. A majority of the members present at the organizational meeting or any subsequent meeting shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of any action taken, including the preparation and approval of the final report required by this section. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

D. The Task Force shall be authorized to meet as necessary in order to perform the duties imposed upon it.

E. The Task Force shall produce a final written report of its findings and any recommendations regarding changes to the Oklahoma Tax Code. The report shall be submitted to the Governor, the

1 President Pro Tempore of the State Senate and to the Speaker of the
2 Oklahoma House of Representatives not later than December 1, 2018.

3 F. The Task Force shall be subject to the provisions of the
4 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

5 G. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the
6 staff of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, Oklahoma State Senate and
7 Oklahoma House of Representatives.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

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

13 Passed the House of Representatives the 20th day of February,
14 2017.

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17 Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

18 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2017.

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21 Presiding Officer of the Senate

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