

1                   **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2                               STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3                               1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

4   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
5   FOR  
6   HOUSE BILL NO. 1377

By: Watson

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8                               COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

9           An Act relating to the Oklahoma Corporation  
10          Commission; creating the Twenty-first Century  
11          Corporation Commission Task Force; establishing  
12          membership appointment authority; stating mission of  
13          Task Force; requiring organizational meeting and  
14          requiring certain organizational selections;  
15          establishing authority related to quorum; exempting  
16          from Open Meeting Act; requiring certain notice;  
17          authorizing requests for certain assistance;  
18          requiring certain assistance; requiring certain  
19          report by certain date; requiring service without  
20          compensation; providing for Task Force termination;  
21          and providing an effective date.

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

23           SECTION 1.       NEW LAW       A new section of law to be codified  
24          in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 850 of Title 17, unless there is  
25          created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

26           A.   There is hereby created the "Twenty-first Century  
27          Corporation Commission Task Force".

1 B. The Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members as  
2 follows:

3 1. Four members appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House  
4 of Representatives as follows:

5 a. two appointments shall be members of the Oklahoma  
6 House of Representatives,

7 b. one appointment shall be a representative of the oil  
8 and gas industry, and

9 c. one appointment shall be a representative of the  
10 utility industry;

11 2. Four members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
12 Oklahoma State Senate as follows:

13 a. two appointments shall be members of the Oklahoma  
14 State Senate,

15 b. one appointment shall be a representative of the  
16 telecommunications industry, and

17 c. one appointment shall be a representative of the  
18 transportation industry; and

19 3. Three members appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma  
20 Corporation Commission.

21 C. The Task Force shall study current regulation to determine  
22 if the Oklahoma Corporation Commission is properly structured to  
23 efficiently operate in the twenty-first century. Such study shall  
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1 include but not be limited to an assessment of the Oklahoma  
2 Corporation Commission related to the following issues:

3 1. A performance assessment, determining:

- 4 a. current workload levels,
- 5 b. time required to process workload, and
- 6 c. reputation of agency among stakeholders;

7 2. A structural assessment, determining:

- 8 a. the makeup of the Commission and the impact of the
- 9 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act requirements,
- 10 b. trends related to terms of office,
- 11 c. the appropriateness of the current number of
- 12 Commissioners, and
- 13 d. the effectiveness of leadership and authority;

14 3. An assessment of the stated mission, determining;

- 15 a. accuracy in light of modern day agency functions,
- 16 b. appropriateness and necessity, and
- 17 c. if performance of certain functions are better suited
- 18 in other agencies;

19 4. A funding assessment, determining:

- 20 a. whether the agency is properly funded,
- 21 b. the current funding mechanisms available, and
- 22 c. funding gaps within individual programs; and

23 5. A staffing assessment, determining:

- 24 a. if the agency is properly staffed to meet its mission,

- 1           b.    if the staffing structure of the agency is efficient,  
2                    and  
3           c.    if the staff has the autonomy needed to perform their  
4                    duties.

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

8           E.    The Task Force may conduct business without a quorum of its  
9 membership being present, but a quorum shall be required to be  
10 present for purposes of adoption of the final report of the Task  
11 Force.

12          F.    The Task Force shall not be subject to the Oklahoma Open  
13 Meeting Act but shall cause notice of its meeting to be posted  
14 through the website of both the Oklahoma House of Representatives  
15 and the Oklahoma State Senate at least ten (10) days prior to its  
16 meetings.

17          G.    The Task Force may request the assistance of any state  
18 agency, board, commission, department or other entity of state  
19 government to acquire relevant information for purposes of the  
20 study. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the  
21 Oklahoma House of Representatives, the Oklahoma State Senate, and  
22 the Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

23          H.    The Task Force shall develop a final report and transmit the  
24 report not later than December 1, 2018, to the Governor, the Speaker

1 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro  
2 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

3 I. Each member of the Task Force shall serve without  
4 compensation.

5 J. The Task Force shall terminate effective the day following  
6 the transmission of the report required by subsection H of this  
7 section.

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

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10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES,  
11 dated 03/02/2017 - DO PASS, As Amended.

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