

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

4 HOUSE BILL 1411

By: Griffith

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to a Task Force on Small Community
9 Development; providing for membership; requiring
10 selection of chair and vice-chair; providing for
11 meetings; imposing duties; prescribing scope of
12 study; providing for notice of meetings; providing
13 for assistance to Task Force; requiring final report;
14 providing for codification; providing an effective
15 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 8305 of Title 74, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 A. There is hereby created the "Task Force on Small Community
20 Development".

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

23 1. One person appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of
24 Representatives;

1 2. One person appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
2 Oklahoma State Senate;

3 3. One person appointed by a statewide organization, organized
4 as a nonprofit entity, providing membership services to cities and
5 towns located within the state who shall have experience with issues
6 related to rural economic developmental;

7 4. One person appointed by the Executive Director of the
8 Oklahoma Department of Commerce;

9 5. One person appointed by the Oklahoma Center for the
10 Advancement of Science and Technology;

11 6. One person appointed by the Oklahoma Association of Regional
12 Councils;

13 7. One person appointed by the Oklahoma Economic Development
14 Council;

15 8. One person appointed by the University of Oklahoma who shall
16 be an economist; and

17 9. One person appointed by Oklahoma State University who shall
18 be an economist having expertise with rural economic development
19 issues.

20 C. The Task Force shall study methods to prevent population
21 declines in communities of the state having fewer than thirty
22 thousand (30,000) residents, according to the latest Federal
23 Decennial Census or most recent population estimate, and to improve
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1 the economic climate in the state in order to promote economic
2 development in those communities.

3 D. The Task Force shall hold an organizational meeting not
4 later than July 30, 2017. The Task Force shall select from its
5 membership a chair and vice-chair.

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

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

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

20 H. The Task Force shall develop a final report and transmit the
21 report not later than December 15, 2018, to the Governor, the
22 Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President
23 Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, COMMERCE AND TOURISM,
dated 03/01/2017 - DO PASS.