

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 57th Legislature (2020)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1615

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8 An Act relating to the Corporation Commission;  
9 creating the Task Force on Injection Well Stability;  
10 specifying membership of Task Force; establishing  
11 terms of meetings; prohibiting reimbursement for  
12 certain expenses; requiring the Commission to provide  
13 support staff; authorizing Task Force to issue  
14 reports and recommendations; establishing sunset date  
15 for Task Force; providing for codification; and  
16 providing an effective date.

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

18 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
19 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 526 of Title 17, unless there is  
20 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

21 A. There is hereby created the "Task Force on Injection Well  
22 Stability".

23 B. The Task Force shall be composed of members as follows:

- 24 1. A Corporation Commissioner or designee, to serve as chair;  
2. The Secretary of Energy and Environment or designee;  
3. The Secretary of Agriculture or designee;

1        4. A representative from the Department of Environmental  
2 Quality;

3        5. A representative from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board;

4        6. A representative from the Oklahoma Conservation Commission;

5        7. A representative from a relevant trade association operating  
6 in this state, to be selected by the Corporation Commission;

7        8. Two representatives from a statewide organization  
8 representing oil and gas development in this state, to be selected  
9 by the Corporation Commission; and

10       9. Up to two other members as the Corporation Commission deems  
11 necessary.

12       C. A majority of the members serving on the Task Force shall  
13 constitute a quorum. The Task Force shall meet at such times and  
14 places as it deems necessary to perform its duties as specified  
15 herein. Meetings shall be at the call of the chair.

16       D. Members of the Task Force shall not be reimbursed for travel  
17 expenses incurred while serving on the Task Force.

18       E. The Corporation Commission shall provide such staff support  
19 as is required by the Task Force and any other state agency shall  
20 provide support as requested by the Task Force.

21       F. The Task Force may issue any reports it deems necessary and  
22 appropriate and may make any legislative recommendations available  
23 to the Governor and the Legislature. The Legislature shall review  
24 any reports or recommendations developed by the Task Force. Final

1 authority relating to the implementation of any recommended  
2 statutory revisions shall reside with the Legislature.

3 G. The Task Force shall remain in effect and operate as herein  
4 directed until its termination which shall be no later than December  
5 1, 2023. The Task Force may elect, by majority vote, to terminate  
6 its operations at an earlier date if it deems such action  
7 appropriate.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2020.

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