

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

SENATE BILL 1615

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An Act relating to the Corporation Commission;
creating the Task Force on Injection Well Stability;
specifying membership of Task Force; establishing
terms of meetings; prohibiting reimbursement for
certain expenses; requiring the Commission to provide
support staff; authorizing Task Force to issue
reports and recommendations; establishing sunset date
for Task Force; 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 526 of Title 17, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

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

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

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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