

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 27, 2020

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL NO. 1615

6 By: Jech and Paxton

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

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

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

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

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

- 23 1. A Corporation Commissioner or designee, to serve as chair;
- 24 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. Two representatives from different relevant trade  
6 associations operating in this state, to be selected by the  
7 Corporation Commission;

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 any reports or recommendations developed by the Task Force. Final  
2 authority relating to the implementation of any recommended  
3 statutory revisions shall reside with the Legislature.

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

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

10 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY  
11 February 27, 2020 - DO PASS AS AMENDED  
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