

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

3 SENATE BILL 1615

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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. The Corporation Commissioner or designee, to serve as chair;
24 2. The Secretary of Energy and Environment or designee;
25 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; and

7 8. Up to two other members as the Corporation Commission deems
8 necessary.

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

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

15 E. The Corporation Commission shall provide such staff support
16 as is required by the Task Force and any other state agency shall
17 provide support as requested by the Task Force.

18 F. The Task Force may issue any reports it deems necessary and
19 appropriate and may make any legislative recommendations available
20 to the Governor and the Legislature. The Legislature shall review
21 any reports or recommendations developed by the Task Force. Final
22 authority relating to the implementation of any recommended
23 statutory revisions shall reside with the Legislature.

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

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

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