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3 POLICY COMMITTEE
4 RECOMMENDATION

5 FOR

6 HOUSE BILL NO. 3619

7 By: Lawson

8 POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

9 An Act relating to the state geographic information;
10 amending 62 O.S. 2021, Section 34.11.5, which relates
11 to the Oklahoma State Government Geographic
12 Information One-Stop Initiative; directing for
13 geodata to be published on the Office of Geographic
14 Information's website or another State of Oklahoma-
15 affiliated website; amending 82 O.S. 2021, Section
16 1501-205.1, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 88,
17 O.S.L. 2022 (82 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 1501-205.1),
18 which relates to the duties of the State Geographic
19 Information Council; adding the Oklahoma 9-1-1
20 Coordinator to the Council; modifying Council
21 membership; amending 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1501-
22 205.3, which relates to duties of the Office of
23 Geographic Information; directing the Office to
24 conduct leaf-off aerial imagery; directing the Office
to use results of leaf-off aerial imagery to update
current authoritative jurisdictional county boundary
data layer; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 62 O.S. 2021, Section 34.11.5, is
amended to read as follows:

1 Section 34.11.5. A. There is hereby established the "Oklahoma
2 State Government Geographic Information One-Stop Initiative".

3 B. The State Geographic Information Coordinator shall develop
4 and maintain an online web presence ~~at the web address~~
5 ~~"maps.ok.gov"~~. The ~~site~~ website shall allow public access to
6 geodata described in this section.

7 C. The State Geographic Information Coordinator shall
8 promulgate procedures by which each state agency, board, commission
9 and public trust having the State of Oklahoma as a beneficiary shall
10 submit geodata to the Office of Geographic Information to be
11 published on ~~the "maps.ok.gov"~~ its website created in subsection B
12 of this section or another State of Oklahoma-affiliated website.

13 D. For the purposes of this section, the term "geodata" shall
14 mean information which can be presented as a component of a
15 geographic or spatial presentation.

16 E. State agencies, boards, commissions and public trusts having
17 the State of Oklahoma as a beneficiary shall comply with procedures
18 promulgated pursuant to the terms of this section.

19 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1501-205.1,
20 as amended by Section 1, Chapter 88, O.S.L. 2022 (82 O.S. Supp.
21 2025, Section 1501-205.1), is amended to read as follows:

22 Section 1501-205.1. A. As used in this section and in Sections
23 1501-205.2 and 1501-205.3 of this title:
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1 1. "Geographic information" means any data or databases in
2 which location or spatial distribution is an essential element
3 including, but not limited to, land, air, water, and mineral
4 resources, the distribution of plant, animal, and human populations,
5 real property interests, zoning and other land development
6 regulations, and political, jurisdictional, ownership, and other
7 artificial divisions of geography;

8 2. "Geographic Information System" or "GIS" means computer
9 systems that allow the analysis of data or databases containing
10 geographic information; and

11 3. "Statewide data" means geographic information whose spatial
12 extent is defined by the geographic boundary of this state.

13 B. There is hereby created a State Geographic Information
14 Council composed of ~~nineteen (19)~~ twenty (20) members as follows:

15 1. Executive Director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission
16 or designee;

17 2. Executive Director of the Department of Environmental
18 Quality or designee;

19 3. Chair of the Corporation Commission or designee;

20 4. ~~Director of the Oklahoma Department~~ Secretary of Commerce or
21 designee;

22 5. Commissioner of ~~the Oklahoma Department of~~ Agriculture,
23 Food, and Forestry or designee;

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- 1 6. Executive Director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Board or
2 designee;
- 3 7. Executive Director of the Department of Transportation or
4 designee;
- 5 8. ~~State Geographer or designee~~ Oklahoma 9-1-1 Coordinator from
6 the Oklahoma 9-1-1 Management Authority or designee;
- 7 9. Director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey or designee;
- 8 10. Director of the Center for Spatial Analysis of the
9 University of Oklahoma or designee;
- 10 11. Dean of the Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural
11 Resources of Oklahoma State University or designee;
- 12 12. Director of the Ad Valorem Division of the Oklahoma Tax
13 Commission or designee;
- 14 13. A member appointed by the Executive Director of the
15 Oklahoma Conservation Commission from a list of names submitted to
16 the Director from the Oklahoma regional universities;
- 17 14. ~~Director of~~ State Chief Information Services Officer of the
18 Office of Management and Enterprise Services or designee;
- 19 15. ~~State~~ Director of the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife
20 Conservation ~~Director~~ or designee;
- 21 16. Director of the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security or
22 designee; ~~and~~
- 23 17. A representative of a statewide GIS professional
24 organization appointed by the Executive Director of the Oklahoma

1 Conservation Commission from a list of names submitted to the
2 Director from the State Geographic Information Council; and

3 18. Three members to be appointed by the Governor pursuant to
4 subsection C of this section.

5 C. The Governor shall appoint three members to the Council to
6 serve initial terms as specified by this subsection. Thereafter,
7 the terms of all appointed members shall be four (4) years.
8 Gubernatorial members shall not be appointed to more than three
9 successive terms. Members that are appointed by the Governor to
10 fill a vacancy may serve three successive terms. No appointment to
11 a partial term to fill a vacancy shall be counted for purposes of
12 determining term limits. Incumbent members may continue to serve on
13 the Council until a new appointment is made. The following members
14 shall be appointed by the Governor:

15 1. A representative of the Oklahoma Association of Regional
16 Councils, appointed for an initial four-year term;

17 2. A representative of county assessors, appointed for an
18 initial three-year term; and

19 3. A representative of city government, appointed for an
20 initial two-year term.

21 D. The chair of the Council shall be the Executive Director of
22 the Oklahoma Conservation Commission or designee. Meetings shall be
23 called by the chair.

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1 E. 1. A majority of the membership of the Council constitutes
2 a quorum for the conduct of business.

3 2. The Council shall meet at least twice each year, and the
4 chair may call a meeting of the Council as often as necessary to
5 transact business.

6 F. A member of the Council shall not:

7 1. Be an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a business
8 entity that has, or an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a
9 trade association for business entities that have, a substantial
10 interest in the geographic information industry and are doing
11 business with state agencies or other governmental units of the
12 state;

13 2. Own, control, or have, directly or indirectly, more than ten
14 percent (10%) interest in a business entity that has a substantial
15 interest in the geographic information industry and is doing
16 business with state agencies or other governmental units of the
17 state;

18 3. Be an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a business
19 entity that is connected with any contract or bid for furnishing to
20 any governmental body of the state with Geographic Information
21 Systems, the computers on which they are automated, or a service
22 related to Geographic Information Systems;

23 4. Be a person required to register as a lobbyist because of
24 activities for compensation on behalf of a business entity that has,

1 or on behalf of a trade association of business entities that have,
2 a substantial interest in the geographic information industry; or

3 5. Accept or receive money or another thing of value from an
4 individual, firm, or corporation to whom a contract may be awarded,
5 directly or indirectly, by rebate, gift or otherwise.

6 G. The duties of the Council shall include overseeing the
7 Office of Geographic Information concerning the following:

8 1. Development, adoption, and recommendation of standards and
9 procedures that may be applied to geographic information and
10 Geographic Information Systems to promote consistency of data
11 elements;

12 2. Development of a strategy for the implementation and funding
13 of a statewide Geographic Information System;

14 3. Development, delivery, and periodic revision of a statewide
15 geographic information plan and annually reporting to the Governor
16 and the Legislature. Such a plan shall include, but not be limited
17 to, provisions for training and education; ~~and~~

18 4. Promotion of collaboration and sharing of data and data
19 development as well as other aspects of Geographic Information
20 Systems; and

21 5. Establishing a workgroup to develop standards that define
22 the process for mapping authoritative jurisdictional county
23 boundaries.

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1 H. Neither the Council nor its members shall have the power to
2 form or award contracts or to employ staff. Members appointed by
3 the Governor shall serve without compensation.

4 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 2021, Section 1501-205.3,
5 is amended to read as follows:

6 Section 1501-205.3. A. There is hereby established an Office
7 of Geographic Information in the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

8 B. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Conservation
9 Commission shall appoint, after consultation with the State
10 Geographic Information Council, a person of suitable training,
11 experience, and knowledge to manage the Office with the title of
12 State Geographic Information Coordinator who shall serve at the
13 pleasure of the Executive Director.

14 C. The Office may solicit, receive and consider proposals for
15 funding from any state agency, federal agency, local government,
16 university, nonprofit organization, or private person or
17 corporation. The Office may also solicit and accept money by grant,
18 gift, bequest, or other conveyance recommended by the State
19 Geographic Information Council and approved by the Executive
20 Director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. Additionally, the
21 Office may receive a specific legislative appropriation within the
22 appropriation for the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. Any funds
23 received by the Office shall be deposited into the Geographic
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1 Information Revolving Fund pursuant to Section 1501-205.2 of ~~Title~~
2 ~~82 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.

3 D. The Office shall:

4 1. Provide staff support and technical assistance to the
5 Council established pursuant to Section 1501-205.1 of ~~Title 82 of~~
6 ~~the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title;

7 2. Establish a central statewide geographic information
8 clearinghouse to maintain data inventories, information on current
9 and planned Geographic Information System applications, information
10 on grants available for the acquisition or enhancement of geographic
11 information resources, and a directory of geographic information
12 resources available within the state or from the federal government;

13 3. Coordinate any grant programs for local governments to
14 establish and maintain Geographic Information Systems as such
15 programs may be established by the Legislature;

16 4. Coordinate multiagency Geographic Information System
17 projects, including working with state and local agencies in the
18 development and maintenance of statewide data and Geographic
19 Information Systems, which includes:

- 20 a. conducting leaf-off aerial imagery biennially or
21 annually subject to the availability of funds, and
22 b. using the results from the leaf-off aerial imagery to
23 update the current authoritative jurisdictional county
24 boundary data layer using standards approved by the

1 State Geographic Information Council. The Office
2 shall present this updated data layer to the Council
3 annually for recertification of an authoritative
4 jurisdictional county boundary layer for use by the
5 state and its political subdivisions;

6 5. Provide access to both consulting and technical assistance,
7 and education and training on the application and use of geographic
8 information technologies to state and local agencies;

9 6. Develop, maintain, update, and interpret Geographic
10 Information System standards under the direction of the Council and
11 working with state and local agencies;

12 7. Provide Geographic Information System services, as
13 requested, to agencies wishing to augment their Geographic
14 Information System capabilities;

15 8. Evaluate, participate in pilot studies, and make
16 recommendations on Geographic Information System hardware and
17 software in cooperation with other agencies;

18 9. Prepare proposed legislation and funding proposals for the
19 Legislature that will further coordinate and expedite the
20 implementation of Geographic Information Systems as recommended by
21 the State Geographic Information Council and approved by the
22 Executive Director of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission;

1 10. Address data sensitivity issues so that information is made
2 available to the public but protects confidentiality of the
3 information; and

4 11. Provide an annual report to the Governor and Legislature on
5 the status and needs of the geographic information infrastructure of
6 the State of Oklahoma.

7 E. The Oklahoma House of Representatives and Oklahoma State
8 Senate may cooperate with the Office of Geographic Information but
9 shall be exempt from all requirements of this section.

10 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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