

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1683

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to telecommunications; creating the Local Telecommunications Control and Siting Act of 2026; providing short title; defining terms; providing for preservation of local authority to regulate siting and installation of wireless telecommunications towers; prohibiting state preemption of local control except as required by federal law; providing for noncodification; 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 not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Local Telecommunications Control and Siting Act of 2026".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 36-513 of Title 11, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section:

1 1. "Applicant" means any person or entity that seeks to
2 construct, install, modify, or collocate a telecommunications tower
3 or related facility; and

4 2. "Telecommunications tower" means any structure designed or
5 intended to support antennas, dishes, or other transmitting or
6 receiving equipment for wireless communications services, together
7 with any accessory equipment or structures.

8 B. Except as otherwise provided by federal law, all regulatory,
9 zoning, and permitting authority concerning the siting,
10 construction, and modification of telecommunications towers and
11 related facilities shall remain under the jurisdiction of the
12 municipality having zoning power over the affected area.

13 C. Nothing in this act shall:

14 1. Preempt or diminish a municipality's power to establish
15 zoning districts, design standards, height restrictions, or setback
16 requirements for telecommunications towers;

17 2. Prohibit municipalities from imposing reasonable application
18 or review fees sufficient to recover administrative costs; or

19 3. Prevent enforcement of local building codes, land use
20 ordinances, or public safety standards regarding tower siting.

21 D. Municipalities shall review applications consistent with
22 time frames and procedural obligations established by the Federal
23 Communications Commission, including those set forth in its "shot
24 clock" regulations.

1 E. No agency, board, or commission of this state shall adopt or
2 enforce a rule, policy, or regulation that supersedes or preempts
3 the zoning, permitting, or siting authority of municipal governments
4 over telecommunications towers, except to the extent required by
5 federal law.

6 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
7 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 863.49 of Title 19, unless there
8 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

9 A. As used in this section:

10 1. "Applicant" means any person or entity that seeks to
11 construct, install, modify, or collocate a telecommunications tower
12 or related facility; and

13 2. "Telecommunications tower" means any structure designed or
14 intended to support antennas, dishes, or other transmitting or
15 receiving equipment for wireless communications services, together
16 with any accessory equipment or structures.

17 B. Except as otherwise provided by federal law, all regulatory,
18 zoning, and permitting authority concerning the siting,
19 construction, and modification of telecommunications towers and
20 related facilities shall remain under the jurisdiction of the county
21 having zoning power over the affected area.

22 C. Nothing in this act shall:
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1 1. Preempt or diminish a county's power to establish zoning
2 districts, design standards, height restriction, or setback
3 requirements for telecommunications towers;

4 2. Prohibit counties from imposing reasonable application or
5 review fees sufficient to recover administrative costs; or

6 3. Prevent enforcement of local building codes, land use
7 ordinances, or public safety standards regarding tower siting.

8 D. Counties shall review applications consistent with time
9 frames and procedural obligations established by the Federal
10 Communications Commission, including those set forth in its "shot
11 clock" regulations.

12 E. No agency, board, or commission of this state shall adopt or
13 enforce a rule, policy, or regulation that supersedes or preempts
14 the zoning, permitting, or siting authority of county governments
15 over telecommunications towers, except to the extent required by
16 federal law.

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

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