

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 April 11, 2017

3 **AS AMENDED**

4 ENGROSSED HOUSE

5 BILL NO. 1377

6 By: Watson and Pfeiffer of the
7 House

8 and

9 Pugh of the Senate

10 [Oklahoma Corporation Commission - creating the
11 Twenty-first Century Corporation Commission Task
12 Force - effective date]

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 850 of Title 17, unless there is
16 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. There is hereby created the "Twenty-first Century
18 Corporation Commission Task Force".

19 B. The Task Force shall consist of fourteen (14) members as
20 follows:

21 1. Five members appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House
22 of Representatives as follows:

23 a. two appointments shall be members of the Oklahoma
24 House of Representatives,

- 1 b. one appointment shall be a representative of the oil
2 and gas industry,
3 c. one appointment shall be a representative of the
4 electric utility industry, and
5 d. one appointment shall be a representative of a large
6 industrial consumer of power, as determined by the
7 appointing authority;

8 2. Five members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
9 Oklahoma State Senate as follows:

- 10 a. two appointments shall be members of the Oklahoma
11 State Senate,
12 b. one appointment shall be a representative of the
13 telecommunications industry,
14 c. one appointment shall be a representative of the
15 transportation industry, and
16 d. one appointment shall be a representative of a medium
17 industrial consumer of power, as determined by the
18 appointing authority; and

19 3. Four members appointed by the Director of the Oklahoma
20 Corporation Commission, one of which shall be a representative of a
21 pipeline utility or pipeline company.

22 C. The Task Force shall study current regulation to determine
23 if the Oklahoma Corporation Commission is properly structured to
24 efficiently operate in the twenty-first century. Such study shall

1 include but not be limited to an assessment of the Oklahoma
2 Corporation Commission related to the following issues:

3 1. A performance assessment, determining:

- 4 a. current workload levels,
- 5 b. time required to process workload, and
- 6 c. reputation of agency among stakeholders;

7 2. A structural assessment, determining:

- 8 a. the makeup of the Commission and the impact of the
- 9 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act requirements,
- 10 b. trends related to terms of office,
- 11 c. the appropriateness of the current number of
- 12 Commissioners, and
- 13 d. the effectiveness of leadership and authority;

14 3. An assessment of the stated mission, determining:

- 15 a. accuracy in light of modern day agency functions,
- 16 b. appropriateness and necessity, and
- 17 c. if performance of certain functions are better suited
- 18 to other agencies;

19 4. A funding assessment, determining:

- 20 a. whether the agency is properly funded,
- 21 b. the current funding mechanisms available, and
- 22 c. funding gaps within individual programs; and

23 5. A staffing assessment, determining:

- 24 a. if the agency is properly staffed to meet its mission,

- 1 b. if the staffing structure of the agency is efficient,
2 and
3 c. if the staff has the autonomy needed to perform their
4 duties.

5 D. The Task Force shall hold an organizational meeting not
6 later than December 1, 2017. The Task Force shall select from its
7 membership a chair and vice chair.

8 E. The Task Force may conduct business without a quorum of its
9 membership being present, but a quorum shall be required to be
10 present for purposes of adoption of the final report of the Task
11 Force.

12 F. The Task Force may request the assistance of any state
13 agency, board, commission, department or other entity of state
14 government to acquire relevant information for purposes of the
15 study. Staff assistance for the Task Force shall be provided by the
16 Oklahoma House of Representatives, the Oklahoma State Senate and the
17 Oklahoma Corporation Commission.

18 G. The Task Force shall develop a final report and transmit the
19 report not later than December 1, 2018, to the Governor, the Speaker
20 of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the President Pro
21 Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

22 H. Each member of the Task Force shall serve without
23 compensation.
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1 I. The Task Force shall terminate effective the day following
2 the transmission of the report required by subsection G of this
3 section.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY
6 April 11, 2017 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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