1	HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION
2	STATE OF OKLAHOMA
3	1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)
4	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5	FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 1977 By: Newton and Dobrinski of the House
6	and
7	Paxton of the Senate
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10	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
11	An Act relating to broadband easements; requiring the
12	Oklahoma Department of Transportation adopt certain emergency rules by certain date; requiring the
13	Department make certain considerations; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.
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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 1404 of Title 69, unless there
L 9	is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:
20	On or before May 1, 2023, the Oklahoma Department of
21	Transportation shall adopt emergency rules that provide for
22	including broadband fiber conduit for Internet service providers for
23	all new construction, reconstruction or repair contracts. In
24	addition, the Department shall consider other necessary utilities

1	and their alternatives for providing service to resident taxpayers
2	in adopting the emergency rules.
3	SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
4	of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
5	declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
6	be in full force from and after its passage and approval.
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8	COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON UTILITIES, dated 03/02/2023 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.
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