

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 1034

By: Taylor of the Senate

3 and

4 McEntire of the House

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6 [ oil and gas - the Legacy Oil and Gas Well  
7 Innovation Committee - membership requirements -  
8 effective date ]  
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10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

11 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 52 O.S. 2011, Section 288.5A, as  
12 amended by Section 2, Chapter 199, O.S.L. 2013 (52 O.S. Supp. 2020,  
13 Section 288.5A), is amended to read as follows:

14 Section 288.5A. A. There is hereby created the Committee for  
15 Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources, after the effective date of  
16 this act to be known as the Legacy Oil and Gas Well Innovation  
17 Committee, which shall ~~be under the direction and supervision of the~~  
18 ~~Oklahoma Energy Resources Board and shall be~~ operate within the  
19 Oklahoma Energy Resources Board subject to the provisions of this  
20 act for the purpose of encouraging new processes or technological  
21 advancements to sustain the oil and natural gas industry in the  
22 future for the benefit of the citizens of this state and for  
23 advancing activities to support marginally producing oil and gas  
24 wells.

1 B. 1. The Committee ~~for Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources~~  
2 shall be made up of not less than twelve but not more than eighteen  
3 members. ~~The Oklahoma Energy Resources Board shall select one~~  
4 ~~member of the Board to serve as the chair of the Committee.~~ Except  
5 as otherwise provided, members of the Committee shall be appointed  
6 by the chair of the Committee and approved by a majority of the  
7 ~~Board~~ Committee.

8 2. The Secretary of Energy or a designee shall serve as a  
9 member of the Committee ~~for Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources~~.  
10 The Secretary of Energy shall select one member of the Committee who  
11 shall currently be serving on the Oklahoma Energy Initiative Board  
12 on behalf of the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University,  
13 the University of Tulsa or Oklahoma City University.

14 3. Of the remaining members of the Committee for Sustaining  
15 Oklahoma's Energy Resources at least:

- 16 a. four members shall be independent oil and gas  
17 operators, of which at least one shall be from each of  
18 the four Corporation Commission regulatory districts  
19 as they existed on January 1, 2013, and each shall  
20 have operations in the district they represent,
- 21 b. one member shall be an independent oil and gas  
22 operator from Osage County and shall have operations  
23 in Osage County,

- 1 c. one member shall be an independent oil and gas  
2 operator selected from a list of operators submitted  
3 by the Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association,  
4 d. one member shall be an oil and gas operator selected  
5 from a list of operators submitted by the Mid-  
6 Continent Oil and Gas Association,  
7 e. one member shall be an Oklahoma oil and gas royalty  
8 owner selected from a list of names submitted by the  
9 Oklahoma Mineral Owners Association, and  
10 f. one member shall be an Oklahoma oil and gas royalty  
11 owner selected from a list of names submitted by the  
12 Oklahoma affiliate of the National Association of  
13 Royalty Owners.

14 4. C. 1. Beginning on the effective date of this act, the  
15 Committee shall be composed of not less than twelve but not more  
16 than eighteen members. The Committee shall select one member to  
17 serve as the chair of the Committee. Except as otherwise provided,  
18 members of the Committee shall be appointed by the chair of the  
19 Committee.

20 The Secretary of Energy or a designee shall serve as a member of  
21 the Legacy Oil and Gas Well Innovation Committee. The Secretary of  
22 Energy shall select one member of the Committee who shall currently  
23 be serving on the Oklahoma Energy Initiative Board on behalf of the  
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1 University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University, the University of  
2 Tulsa or Oklahoma City University.

3 2. Of the remaining members of the Legacy Oil and Gas Well  
4 Innovation Committee at least:

5 a. eight members shall be marginal oil and gas operators,  
6 of which at least one shall be from each of the four  
7 Corporation Commission regulatory districts as they  
8 existed on January 1, 2013, and each shall have  
9 operations in the district they represent,

10 b. one member shall be a marginal oil and gas operator  
11 from Osage County and shall have operations in Osage  
12 County,

13 c. one member shall be a marginal oil and gas operator  
14 selected from a list of operators submitted by the  
15 Oklahoma Energy Producers Alliance,

16 d. one member shall be a marginal oil and gas well  
17 operator selected from a list of operators submitted  
18 by the Petroleum Alliance of Oklahoma,

19 e. one member shall be an Oklahoma oil and gas royalty  
20 owner selected from a list of names submitted by the  
21 Oklahoma Mineral Owners Association, and

22 f. one member shall be an Oklahoma oil and gas royalty  
23 owner selected from a list of names submitted by the  
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1           Oklahoma affiliate of the National Association of  
2           Royalty Owners.

3           Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a member  
4 of the Board serving under the provisions of subsection B of this  
5 section from completing his or her term, or from serving on the  
6 committee again following the expiration of his or her term under  
7 subsection B of this section.

8           D. With the exception of the Secretary of Energy or the  
9 designee of the Secretary, Committee members shall serve for three-  
10 year terms and may be removed from the Committee by a majority vote  
11 of the Committee with or without cause. ~~The Oklahoma Energy~~  
12 ~~Resources Board~~ Committee may establish any additional  
13 qualifications, requirements or conditions it deems appropriate for  
14 members of the Committee which are consistent with the provisions of  
15 this section. The chair of the Committee, ~~with the approval of the~~  
16 ~~Board,~~ shall strive to select representatives of all facets of the  
17 oil and natural gas industry, and the University of Oklahoma,  
18 Oklahoma State University, the University of Tulsa, and Oklahoma  
19 City University, in addition to any other interested higher  
20 education institutions and governmental entities charged with duties  
21 and authority over relevant areas.

22           ~~5.~~ E. No member of the Committee shall receive a salary for  
23 duties performed as a member of the Committee; however, members may  
24 be eligible to receive reimbursement for necessary and actual travel

1 expenses as provided for in the State Travel Reimbursement Act ~~if~~  
2 ~~approved by the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board.~~

3 ~~F.~~ F. Members appointed to serve on the Committee shall be  
4 eligible to serve on any other state board or commission if the  
5 member is otherwise qualified to hold such appointed office,  
6 notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6 of Title 51 of the  
7 Oklahoma Statutes.

8 ~~G.~~ G. The Committee ~~for Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources~~  
9 is authorized to accept appropriations, donations, grants,  
10 assessments, contributions and gifts from any public or private  
11 source for the purpose of implementing the provisions of ~~this act~~  
12 Section 288.1 et seq. of this title. The Committee shall deposit  
13 such funds in the revolving fund created in Section 288.5B of this  
14 title.

15 ~~H.~~ H. The Committee ~~for Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources,~~  
16 ~~with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board,~~  
17 is authorized to promulgate rules as necessary to implement the  
18 provisions of ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Energy Education and Marketing  
19 Act.

20 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY Section 1, Chapter 199, O.S.L.  
21 2013 (52 O.S. Supp. 2020, Section 288.5C), is amended to read as  
22 follows:

23 Section 288.5C. A. Effective July 1, 2013, all duties, assets  
24 and obligations of the Commission on Marginally Producing Oil and

1 Gas Wells created pursuant to Section 700 of ~~Title 52 of the~~  
2 ~~Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title shall be transferred to the authority  
3 of the ~~Committee for Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources~~ Legacy  
4 Oil and Gas Well Innovation Committee created pursuant to Section  
5 288.5A of ~~Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title.

6 B. Effective July 1, 2013, the terms of the members of the  
7 Commission on Marginally Producing Oil and Gas Wells appointed  
8 pursuant to the provisions of Section 700 of ~~Title 52 of the~~  
9 ~~Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title shall be terminated.

10 C. Effective July 1, 2013, all unclassified full-time-  
11 equivalent, part-time, and temporary employees of the Commission on  
12 Marginally Producing Oil and Gas Wells shall be terminated.  
13 Employees shall be paid for any accrued annual leave and may be  
14 eligible for other benefits as provided by law.

15 D. Activities and functions previously performed by the  
16 Commission on Marginally Producing Oil and Gas Wells shall be under  
17 the responsibility of the ~~Committee for Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy~~  
18 ~~Resources~~ Legacy Oil and Gas Well Innovation Committee or a  
19 successor committee as provided by law. The Committee may organize  
20 itself, create subcommittees or adopt procedures as deemed necessary  
21 and appropriate and consistent with the provisions of ~~this act~~ the  
22 Oklahoma Energy Education and Marketing Act to implement the  
23 provisions of this act and carry out the functions and duties of the  
24 Commission on Marginally Producing Oil and Gas Wells with the

1 exception of making annual reports as required by paragraph 7 of  
2 subsection A of Section 701 of ~~Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~  
3 this title.

4 E. Monies remaining in the Commission on Marginally Producing  
5 Oil and Gas Wells Revolving Fund created in Section 705 of ~~Title 52~~  
6 ~~of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title shall be transferred to the  
7 credit of the ~~Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources Revolving Fund~~  
8 Legacy Oil and Gas Well Innovation Committee Revolving Fund created  
9 in Section 288.5B of ~~Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title  
10 for use as provided in ~~this act~~ the Oklahoma Energy Education and  
11 Marketing Act.

12 F. The ~~Committee for Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources~~  
13 ~~with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board~~  
14 Legacy Oil and Gas Well Innovation Committee is authorized to  
15 promulgate any rules necessary to implement the provisions of ~~this~~  
16 ~~act~~ the Oklahoma Energy Education and Marketing Act. The Secretary  
17 of Energy may provide assistance as necessary to oversee the  
18 transfer of duties, assets and obligations pursuant to ~~this act~~ the  
19 Oklahoma Energy Education and Marketing Act.

20 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 52 O.S. 2011, Section 288.5B, as  
21 last amended by Section 3, Chapter 199, O.S.L. 2013 (52 O.S. Supp.  
22 2020, Section 288.5B), is amended to read as follows:

23 Section 288.5B. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a  
24 revolving fund for the ~~Committee for Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy~~



1 ~~Resources~~ Legacy Oil and Gas Well Innovation Committee to be  
2 designated the "~~Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources~~ Legacy Oil  
3 and Gas Well Innovation Committee Revolving Fund". The fund shall  
4 be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and  
5 shall consist of all monies transferred to the ~~Committee for~~  
6 ~~Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources~~ Legacy Oil and Gas Well  
7 Innovation Committee to further the purposes of ~~this act~~ the  
8 Oklahoma Energy and Marketing Act from any public appropriations and  
9 donations, grants, contributions or gifts from any public or private  
10 source. All monies including the existing balance of funds on the  
11 effective date of this act accruing to the credit of the fund are  
12 hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the  
13 ~~Committee for Sustaining Oklahoma's Energy Resources~~ Legacy Oil and  
14 Gas Well Innovation Committee for the purpose of encouraging and  
15 funding research and development of new technologies in the oil and  
16 natural gas industry and funding activities to support marginally  
17 producing oil and gas wells. Expenditures from the fund shall be  
18 made upon warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims  
19 filed as prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of  
20 Management and Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

21 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.  
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1 Passed the Senate the 10th day of March, 2021.

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4 Presiding Officer of the Senate

5 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
6 2021.

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10 of Representatives