

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 522

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the seismic array; amending 70
8 O.S. 2011, Section 3310, which relates to the
9 Oklahoma Geological Survey; directing the Oklahoma
10 Geological Survey to establish and operate a seismic
11 array if certain conditions are met; requiring the
12 Oklahoma Geological Survey to provide a subscription
13 to utilize the seismic array; establishing a fee;
14 requiring the Oklahoma Geological Survey to
15 promulgate rules; requiring certain companies to
16 subscribe to the seismic array; providing an
17 exemption; creating the Oklahoma Seismic Array
18 Revolving Fund; specifying sources of revenue for
19 fund; providing for expenditures from funds; updating
20 statutory language; providing for codification; and
21 providing an effective date.

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

23 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 3310, is
24 amended to read as follows:

25 Section 3310. (a) The Geological Survey of the State of
26 Oklahoma located at Norman, Oklahoma, shall be under the direction
27 and supervision of the Board of Regents of the University of
28 Oklahoma and shall be known as the Oklahoma Geological Survey.

1 (b) The ~~said~~ Oklahoma Geological Survey shall have for its
2 object and duties the following:

3 (1) A study of the geological formations of the state with
4 special reference to its mineral deposits, including coal, oil, gas,
5 asphalt, gypsum, salt, cement, stone, clay, lead, zinc, iron, sand,
6 road building material, water resources and all other mineral
7 resources.

8 (2) The preparation and publication of bulletins and reports,
9 accompanied with necessary illustrations and maps, including both
10 general and detailed descriptions of the geological structure and
11 mineral resources of the state.

12 (3) The consideration of such other scientific and economic
13 questions as, in the judgment of the survey shall be deemed of value
14 to the people.

15 (4) Act as the Oklahoma Board on Geographic Names and make
16 recommendations to the United States Board on Geographic Names.

17 (5) Contingent upon the availability of funds, the
18 establishment, operation and maintenance of a seismic array in order
19 to reduce or eliminate induced seismic events.

20 (c) The Director shall present to the Board a biennial report,
21 ready for printing, showing the progress and condition of said
22 survey together with such other information as the Board may deem
23 necessary.

1 (d) In order to carry out the provisions of this section it
2 shall be lawful for all persons employed by the survey to enter and
3 cross all lands within the State: Provided, that in so doing no
4 damage shall be done to private property.

5 SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
6 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3310.1 of Title 70, unless there
7 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

8 A. Upon the date the Oklahoma Geological Survey's seismic array
9 begins operating, the Oklahoma Geological Survey shall offer a
10 calendar year subscription to any public or private entity or
11 individual for use of the seismic array.

12 B. The Oklahoma Geological Survey shall establish a fee for a
13 calendar year subscription to use the seismic array. The fee shall
14 be set at a level sufficient to generate the amount of monies
15 necessary to cover the costs to operate and maintain the seismic
16 array. Fee revenues shall be deposited in the Seismic Array
17 Revolving Fund created in Section 3 of this Act.

18 C. The Oklahoma Geological Survey shall promulgate rules for
19 the subscription to and the use of the seismic array, as well as
20 establish the minimum qualifications of a private seismic array
21 described in subsection E of this section.

22 D. Within one (1) calendar month of the date that the Oklahoma
23 Geological Survey begins operating a seismic array pursuant to
24 Section 3310 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, all companies

1 that obtain a permit to drill oil and gas wells in this state shall
2 subscribe to the Oklahoma Geological Survey's seismic array for the
3 year in which the permit is obtained. The company shall utilize the
4 seismic array in an effort to reduce or eliminate induced seismic
5 activity resulting from oil and gas drilling and hydraulic
6 fracturing operations.

7 E. Any company that utilizes a private seismic array that meets
8 or exceeds the qualifications established by the Oklahoma Geological
9 Survey shall be exempt from the requirements of subsection D of this
10 section.

11 SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
12 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3310.2 of Title 70, unless there
13 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

14 A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a revolving
15 fund for the Oklahoma Geological Survey to be designated the
16 "Oklahoma Seismic Array Revolving Fund".

17 B. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal
18 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received by the
19 Oklahoma Geological Survey from the appropriations, donations and
20 fee revenues from subscriptions to the seismic array.

21 C. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby
22 appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Oklahoma
23 Geological Survey for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and
24 operating the seismic array.

1 D. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon warrants
2 issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as prescribed by
3 law with the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise
4 Services for approval and payment.

5 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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