

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE  
2 BILL NO. 2111

By: O'Donnell of the House

3 and

4 Allen of the Senate

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6 [ energy - creating the Oklahoma Oil and Natural Gas

7 Regulatory Modernization Task Force -

8 emergency ]

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

12 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
13 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 318.11 of Title 52, unless there  
14 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

15 A. There is hereby created the "Oklahoma Oil and Natural Gas  
16 Regulatory Modernization Task Force".

17 B. The Task Force shall consist of nine (9) members as follows:

18 1. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives as  
19 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

20 2. Two members of the Oklahoma State Senate as appointed by the  
21 Speaker Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

22 3. A member of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission appointed by  
23 a vote of the three members of the Corporation Commission, or a  
24 designee from the Oklahoma Corporation Commission;

1 4. The Governor, or a designee from the Office of the Governor;

2 5. One member from a local oil and gas trade association as  
3 designated by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

4 6. One member from a local oil and gas trade association as  
5 designated by the Speaker Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;  
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7 7. The Secretary of Energy and Environment of the State of  
8 Oklahoma who shall serve as chairperson of the Task Force and shall  
9 be a nonvoting member. However, in the event of a tie, the  
10 chairperson shall cast the deciding vote.

11 C. The Task Force shall conduct an inquiry into the impact of  
12 new drilling activity on existing wells, both vertical and  
13 horizontal. The purpose of this inquiry is to determine and  
14 recommend possible changes, if needed, to current regulations. This  
15 shall include, but not be limited to:

16 1. Reviewing existing procedures for resolving disputes as they  
17 relate to well communication between two or more wells;

18 2. Identifying additional resource needs of the Oklahoma  
19 Corporation Commission for timely enforcement of administrative or  
20 judicial orders; and

21 3. Examining alternatives used by other states to resolve  
22 disputes as they relate to well communication between two or more  
23 wells and making recommendations for adoption of best practices.  
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1 D. The Task Force shall hold an organizational meeting no later  
2 than September 1, 2019. In furtherance of performing the duties  
3 ascribed in subsection C of this section, the Task Force may seek  
4 input from stakeholders, including the various businesses regulated  
5 by the Corporation Commission.

6 E. The Task Force may conduct business without a quorum of its  
7 membership being present, but a quorum shall be required to be  
8 present for the purposes of adoption of the final report, as  
9 detailed in subsection H of this section, of the Task Force.

10 F. The Task Force shall be staffed by the staff of the Office  
11 of the Secretary of Energy and Environment of the State of Oklahoma.

12 G. 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.

15 H. The Task Force shall develop a final report with specific  
16 recommendations and transmit the report not later than September 1,  
17 2020, to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
18 Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State  
19 Senate.

20 I. Each member of the Task Force shall serve without  
21 compensation or reimbursement for travel related to Task Force  
22 duties, aside from the compensation they might otherwise receive as  
23 authorized by law.

1 J. The Task Force shall terminate effective the day following  
2 the transmission of the report required by subsection H of this  
3 section.

4 K. The Task Force shall be exempt from the Oklahoma Open  
5 Records Act and the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

6 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
7 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
8 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
9 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

10 Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 2019.

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Presiding Officer of the House  
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Passed the Senate the \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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