

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 1977

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An Act relating to broadband easements; requiring the Oklahoma Department of Transportation adopt certain emergency rules by certain date; requiring the Department make certain considerations; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1404 of Title 69, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

On or before May 1, 2023, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall adopt emergency rules that provide for including broadband fiber conduit for Internet service providers for all new construction, reconstruction or repair contracts. In addition, the Department shall consider other necessary utilities and their alternatives for providing service to resident taxpayers in adopting the emergency rules.

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

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