

An Act

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1686

By: Morrissette, Proctor,
Pittman and Shelton of the
House

and

Crain, Johnson (Constance)
and Sparks of the Senate

An Act relating to railroads; creating the Eastern Flyer Passenger Rail Development Task Force; providing purpose; providing for appointment of members; requiring organizational meeting; providing for task force chair, vacancies, quorum and meetings; prohibiting compensations; providing for staff assistance; requiring Department of Transportation to compile certain data; requiring task force to submit final report; providing for expiration of task force; and providing for codification.

SUBJECT: Eastern Flyer Rail Passenger Development Task Force

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 <Section No.> 323.1 of Title <Title No.> 66, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Eastern Flyer Passenger Rail Development Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to study and develop a comprehensive plan for expanding conventional passenger rail service as well as high speed passenger rail service from Tulsa to Oklahoma City via public-private partnership formulas that include Department of Transportation grants and state funding allocations in conjunction with private asset contribution. Such review shall

include, but not be limited to, any previous national, state or local public or private study of this project in any form.

B. The Eastern Flyer Passenger Rail Development Task Force shall be composed of the following seventeen (17) members:

1. The Governor or designee;

2. The Lieutenant Governor or designee;

3. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

4. Two members of the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

5. The Director of the Department of Transportation or designee;
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6. ~~OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR~~ Oklahoma Department of Commerce or designee;
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day of _____ The Director of the Corporation Commission or designee;

~~at _____ o'clock _____ M.~~
8. The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality or designee;
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

~~By _____~~
9. The Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department or designee;

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10. Members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows: **at _____ o'clock _____ M.**

a. one citizen residing in and representing the Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau,
_____ Governor of the State of Oklahoma

b. one citizen residing in and representing the Oklahoma ~~Statistical Area~~ as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, and
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~~_____ day of _____~~
c. one citizen residing in and representing the area between Oklahoma City and Tulsa; and
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

11. Members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as follows:

By: _____

- a. one citizen residing in and representing the Tulsa Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau,
- b. one citizen residing in and representing the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical Area as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau, and
- c. one citizen residing in and representing the area between Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

C. The task force shall conduct an organizational meeting no later than ninety (90) days after the sine die adjournment of the 1st Regular Session of the 53rd Oklahoma Legislature.

D. The chair of the task force shall be chosen by a majority vote of ~~OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR~~ task force present at the organizational meeting ~~OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR~~ on C of this section.

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E. Any vacancy in the appointments made pursuant to paragraphs 10 ~~day of~~ and 11 of subsection B of, ~~this~~ section shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments.
 at _____ o'clock _____ M.

F. A majority of the members of the task force shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each member shall be ~~entitled to one vote on the task force.~~ Any official action of the task force must have a majority of the votes of the members present.

Approved by the Governor of the State of Oklahoma the _____ **day of**

G. Each member of the task force shall serve without compensation, _____, 20____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

H. Staff support for the task force shall be provided by the Department of Transportation. Entities of state government having information that would be helpful to the task force shall provide such assistance and information to the ~~task force as may be required.~~ **Governor of the State of Oklahoma**

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~~the Department of Transportation is directed to compile data the Department of Transportation possesses regarding the purpose of this task force.~~ **Received by the Secretary of State this** _____
 information, ~~day of~~ reports, studies, ~~20~~ or research that might assist in fulfilling the purpose of the task force. The Department of Transportation shall compile this data and report to the task force on or before October 1, 2011.
 at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

J. The task force shall submit a final report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2012, regarding the findings and recommendations of the task force.

K. The task force shall cease to have any authority to take any official action after January 1, 2013, and shall be dissolved by operation of law on February 1, 2013.

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day of _____, 20____,
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_____, 20____, at _____ o'clock _____ M.

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Received by the Secretary of State this _____
_____ day of _____, 20____,
at _____ o'clock _____ M.

By: _____

Passed the House of Representatives the <Enter Day> 14th day of <Enter Month> March, 2011.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 11th day of April, 2011.

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