

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 1765

By: Myers, Bingman and
Crutchfield of the Senate

and

Adkins and Tibbs of the
House

An Act relating to geologic storage of carbon dioxide; stating legislative findings; creating the Oklahoma Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Task Force; stating membership; providing for staffing; requiring appointments by certain date; providing for travel reimbursement; requiring report by certain date; providing for termination of task force; providing for noncodification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Legislature declares that:

1. The capture, recovery and geologic storage of carbon dioxide will benefit the citizens of this state;

2. Carbon dioxide is a valuable commodity to the citizens of this state;

3. Geologic storage of carbon dioxide gas may allow for the orderly withdrawal as appropriate or necessary, thereby allowing carbon dioxide to be available for commercial, industrial or other uses; and

4. Current state statutes and agency rules governing the use of carbon dioxide for the purpose of enhanced oil recovery are sufficient to protect the environment and human health.

B. In order to provide the safe storage and regulation of carbon dioxide in a manner that protects the environment and human health, there is hereby created the Oklahoma Geologic Storage of Carbon Dioxide Task Force.

C. The task force shall consist of fifteen (15) members as follows:

1. The Secretary of Agriculture, or designee;

2. The Secretary of Energy, or designee;

3. The Secretary of Environment, or designee;

4. One representative of a statewide environmental group and one representative of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission to be appointed by the Governor;

5. One member of the Senate Energy and Environment Committee, one representative of an electrical generation facility, one representative from a statewide landowner group and one representative of the oil or natural gas industry to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

6. One member of the House Energy and Technology Committee, one representative of an electrical generation facility, one representative of a statewide mineral owners group, and one representative of an oil or natural gas industry to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

7. The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, or designee; and

8. A representative of the Corporation Commission, designated by the Chair of the Corporation Commission.

The Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality and the representative appointed by the Corporation Commission shall serve as co-chairs of the task force and call the first meeting. The Department and the Commission shall provide administrative support for the task force. The members by majority approval shall determine a meeting schedule. Appointments shall be made no later than July 1, 2008. Activities of the task force shall terminate no later than December 1, 2008.

D. Legislators appointed to the task force shall receive travel reimbursement in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Other appointed members shall be eligible for travel reimbursement in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act to be paid by their appointing authority.

E. The task force may, as it deems appropriate, study any aspect of the capture, recovery and geologic storage of carbon dioxide and no later than December 1, 2008, shall submit a report of its findings along with legislative recommendations approved by a majority of the task force membership to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

Passed the Senate the 19th day of May, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of May, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives

