

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 2684

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to emergency telephone services;  
8 amending 63 O.S. 2011, Section 2849, which relates to  
9 the Regional Emergency Nine-One-One Services Act;  
10 clarifying statutory language; and providing an  
11 effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2011, Section 2849, is  
14 amended to read as follows:

15 Section 2849. A. This act shall be known and may be cited as  
16 the "Regional Emergency Nine-One-One Services Act".

17 B. It is the purpose of the Regional Emergency Nine-One-One  
18 Services Act to encourage formation of emergency communication  
19 districts in order to provide efficient delivery of emergency nine-  
20 one-one (911) service throughout the state.

21 C. This act shall not apply to any nine-one-one (911) system or  
22 public agency participating in a nine-one-one (911) system that was  
23 established prior to January 1, 2009, and that had adopted and begun  
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1 implementation of a process to provide Phase I and Phase II nine-  
2 one-one (911) service by that date.

3 D. For the purposes of this section:

4 1. "District" means an emergency communication district;

5 2. "Emergency communication district" means a district formed  
6 pursuant to this act to deliver emergency nine-one-one (911)  
7 services on a regional basis;

8 3. "Nine-one-one system" means an entity that processes  
9 emergency nine-one-one (911) calls through a public safety answering  
10 point;

11 4. "Participating public agency" means a public agency that is  
12 included in a district;

13 5. "Principal municipality" means the municipality with the  
14 largest population in a district; and

15 6. "Public agency" means a municipality or county that provides  
16 or has authority to provide ~~fire-fighting~~ firefighting, law  
17 enforcement, ambulance, medical or other emergency services,  
18 ~~provided, it does.~~ A public agency shall not mean any entity  
19 excluded from this act by the provisions of subsection C of this  
20 section.

21 E. On or before December 31, 2012, all public agencies in this  
22 state shall form regional emergency communication districts for the  
23 purpose of creating an area-wide emergency nine-one-one (911) system  
24 for their respective jurisdictions. The territory of the district

1 shall be coextensive with the territory of the regional substate  
2 planning district. If a public agency is situated in more than one  
3 such territory, it shall become part of the district in which it is  
4 principally located. If, due to the effect of subsection C of this  
5 section, the majority of the participating public agencies located  
6 in the territory of a proposed district determine that it would be  
7 in the best interests of their citizens, they may request inclusion  
8 in an adjacent district.

9 F. The public agencies to be included in each district may form  
10 the district by entering into local cooperative agreements which  
11 shall establish a governance structure and provide for the joint  
12 implementation, funding, operation, and management of the district.

13 G. If the public agencies in a region are unable to develop a  
14 local cooperative agreement by December 31, 2012, they shall be  
15 included in an emergency communication district that is governed by  
16 a board of directors consisting of an appointee by each public  
17 agency that was authorized by its voters to fund a nine-one-one  
18 (911) system prior to the formation of the district, one appointee  
19 elected by a majority of the remaining public agencies in the  
20 district, and an additional appointee by the principal municipality  
21 in the district who shall serve as chair of the board.

22 H. Unless otherwise provided by agreement, any participating  
23 public agency that had been authorized by its voters to fund a nine-  
24 one-one (911) system prior to the formation of the district shall

1 retain control of the property, operation, and funding of its  
2 system; ~~provided, however, the.~~ The district may contract with ~~such~~  
3 each participating public agency to include the agency's system in  
4 the district's master implementation plan. To the extent  
5 practicable, the district shall not duplicate the equipment or  
6 answering point services already provided by a participating public  
7 agency. A user of one or more communication services subject to the  
8 payment of fees or taxes for an emergency nine-one-one (911) system  
9 shall not be charged for more than one ~~such~~ fee or tax for each  
10 service.

11 I. An emergency communication district shall have power to make  
12 all contracts to carry out the purposes of this act, purchase and  
13 convey real property, impose service fees authorized for public  
14 agencies for the provision of nine-one-one (911) service, appoint a  
15 manager of the district and adopt rules and policies for the  
16 operation of the district.

17 J. Within one (1) year after the effective date of the  
18 formation of the district, the board of directors shall prepare its  
19 master plan to deliver emergency nine-one-one (911) service  
20 throughout its territory. It shall periodically review and update  
21 its plan.

22 K. An emergency communication district shall operate on a  
23 fiscal year beginning July 1. It shall adopt an annual budget and  
24 cause to be prepared an independent financial audit annually. As

1 soon as practicable after the end of the fiscal year, the district  
2 shall deliver to each participating public agency an annual report  
3 showing in detail the operations of the district.

4 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2016.

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