

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1025

BY: BENSON of the HOUSE

and

CAPPS of the SENATE

AN ACT RELATING TO THE CORPORATION COMMISSION;  
AMENDING 17 O.S. 1981, SECTION 44, WHICH RELATES TO  
COTTON GIN UTILITIES; DELETING FISCAL YEAR  
DESIGNATION; MODIFYING REPORTING DATE FOR COTTON  
GIN UTILITIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 1981, Section 44, is amended to read as follows:

Section 44. The Corporation Commission shall have the same power and authority and be charged with the duty of regulating and controlling such cotton gins in all matters relating to the performance of public duties and the charges therefor and correcting abuses and preventing unjust discrimination and extortion, as is exercised by said Commission as to transportation and transmission companies and shall have the same power to fix rates, rules, charges and regulations to be observed by such person or persons or corporation operating gins and the affording of all reasonable conveniences, facilities and services as it may impose as to transportation or transmission companies. For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, there is hereby

created a Department of Cotton Gin Utilities under the Corporation Commission. The Commission shall appoint four (4) inspectors of cotton gins, one of whom shall be selected as head of such department, who shall receive a salary of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) per annum, whose functions, duties and term of office shall be regulated at the discretion of the Commission. There is also provided a stenographer for such Commission, who shall receive a salary of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) per annum. ~~The fiscal year of all cotton gin utilities shall terminate March 31, 1924, and annually each year thereafter, and it.~~ It shall be the duty of each and every corporation, company, firm or individual owning or operating a cotton gin to file a final report for the preceding year not later than ~~thirty (30)~~ ninety (90) days following the expiration of ~~said~~ the fiscal year of the cotton gin utility. Failure to file said report shall constitute a forfeiture of license and is hereby declared to be a misdemeanor and may be prosecuted as such, said report to be in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission from time to time.

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 House of Representatives the 26th day of February, 1991.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1991.

President of the Senate