

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1023

BY: SMITH of the SENATE

and

STEIDLEY of the HOUSE

[STATE JUDICIAL SYSTEM TASK FORCE -

EFFECTIVE DATE]

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby created, to continue until January 1, 1993, the State Judicial System Task Force. The Task Force shall conduct a comprehensive study of the state judicial system. The Task Force shall be composed as follows:

1. Two members of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

2. Two members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3. Two district court judges, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;

4. Two appellate judges, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;

5. Two court clerks, appointed by the Court Clerks Association;

6. Two attorneys licensed to practice law in this state, appointed by the President of the Oklahoma Bar Association;

7. Two district attorneys, appointed by the District Attorneys Council; and

8. Two individuals who are not members of the Legislature, members of the judiciary, or attorneys, appointed by the Governor.

Vacancies on the Task Force shall be filled by the original appointing authority.

SECTION 2. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum for conducting business, but no vacancy on the Task Force shall impair the right of the remaining members to transact the business of the Task Force. Each member of the Task Force shall be authorized to serve by and through a person designated by the member in writing for that purpose. The members shall select a chairman and a vice-chairman from the membership of the Task Force; provided, not more than one legislative member and not more than one judicial member shall serve in such capacity. The initial meeting of the Task Force shall be called by the Administrative Director of the Courts. All meetings of the Task Force shall be conducted in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

SECTION 3. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for serving on the Task Force, other than reimbursement for actual and necessary travel expenses as follows:

1. Legislative members of the Task Force shall receive reimbursement from the House in which they serve as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, except when the Legislature is in session and the meeting is held in Oklahoma City;

2. Nonlegislative committee members employed by the state or a county shall be reimbursed by their respective employing agency pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act; and

3. Any other committee member shall receive reimbursement pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act from funds of the Legislative Service Bureau.

SECTION 4. Funding for the Task Force shall be provided through the Legislative Service Bureau. The Legislative Service Bureau and the Administrative Office of the Courts shall provide staff assistance to the Task Force. At the direction of the Joint

Committee on Fiscal Operations, the Legislative Service Bureau may contract for the services of appropriate consultants or consulting firms to assist the Task Force in the performance of its duties and responsibilities.

SECTION 5. The Task Force shall submit a report of its findings to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate by January 1, 1993.

SECTION 6. This act shall become effective September 1, 1992.

Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 1992.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of

_____, 1992.

Speaker of the House of Representatives