

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1738

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; AMENDING SECTION 32, CHAPTER 207, O.S.L. 1986, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 36, CHAPTER 266, O.S.L. 1990 (74 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 5026), WHICH RELATES TO THE OKLAHOMA FILM OFFICE; REQUIRING FILM OFFICE TO PROVIDE CERTAIN ASSISTANCE TO OKLAHOMA FILM COMMISSION; PROVIDING LEGISLATIVE INTENT; CREATING OKLAHOMA FILM COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERS; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT; PROVIDING DUTIES OF COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT; STATING QUORUM REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 32, Chapter 207, O.S.L. 1986, as amended by Section 36, Chapter 266, O.S.L. 1990 (74 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 5026), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5026. A. There is hereby created within the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, the Oklahoma Film Office. The Office shall have the primary responsibility in state government for promoting the State of Oklahoma as a location for motion pictures, television programs and videos. The office shall assist the motion picture, television and video film industries by providing production

contacts in the state, suggesting possible filming locations, and other activities that may be required to promote the state as a filming center.

B. The Oklahoma Film Office shall cooperate with other state and local offices as required to promote the film industry in the state.

C. The Oklahoma Film Office shall provide staff assistance to the Oklahoma Film Commission.

D. The Oklahoma Film Office shall submit an annual report to the Film Commission, the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate prior to January 1 of each year regarding the activities of the office. The report shall provide information about the number of filming productions that the office has helped bring to the state and the economic impact of those productions.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5027a of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

In the interest of involving private sector businessmen and women and individuals with knowledge or interest in the economic development of the motion picture, television programs and video industry, an Oklahoma Film Commission shall be established. The Commission will serve in a voluntary, nonpaid position to increase the effect of the film office. The Film Commission will work with the Director of the Oklahoma Film Office in areas such as location development, talent search, production availability and development, promotion of film industry at trade shows (at one's own expense), and act as a resource in escorting film industry professionals as needed.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5027b of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Film Commission. The Commission shall consist of thirteen (13) members appointed by the Governor. Seven members must have related experience in the motion picture, television programming and video industry. The members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman of the Commission each year.

B. The Oklahoma Film Commission shall:

1. Appoint a Director for the Oklahoma Film Office;

2. Assist the Film Office in developing a marketing plan and a production manual;

3. Have final approval of the marketing plan and production manual;

4. Assist the Film Office in establishing goals and objectives consistent with its responsibilities in promoting film industry activities in the state;

5. Have direct input to the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce regarding the expenditure or allocation of any funds appropriated for and implementation of any film industry programs; and

6. Assist the Oklahoma Film Office in preparation of the annual report.

C. The Oklahoma Film Commission shall hold meetings monthly and at other times as it deems necessary.

D. Members of the Oklahoma Film Commission shall not receive a salary for duties performed as members of the Commission, but shall be reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties in accordance with the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

E. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1991.

SECTION 5. 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.

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