

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

SENATE BILL NO. 357

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; CREATING THE
OKLAHOMA LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR
MEMBERSHIP, APPOINTMENT, TERMS, QUALIFICATIONS,
VACANCIES AND COMPENSATION OF THE COMMISSION;
PROVIDING SHORT TITLE; REQUIRING ALL LAW
ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES BE CONSOLIDATED; STATING DATE
FOR COMPLETION OF CONSOLIDATION; PROVIDING FOR
CODIFICATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5100 of Title 74, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Law Enforcement
Consolidation Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5101 of Title 74, unless there
is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Commission which shall consist of seven (7) members, not more than two of whom shall be from the same congressional district at the time of their appointments. One member shall be the Commissioner of Public Safety serving in that capacity; one member shall be a district attorney while serving in that capacity; one member shall be a sheriff while serving in that capacity; one member shall be a chief of police while serving in that capacity; and the remaining members shall represent the lay citizenry. The Commissioner of Public Safety shall be chairman of the Commission, and the members shall elect a vice-chairman.

B. The members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for terms of eight (8) years each except that the Governor shall appoint three of the original members for terms expiring January 15, 1995, and three original members for terms expiring January 15, 1997.

C. Members of the Commission shall be citizens of the United States, at least twenty-five (25) years of age, and qualified electors in Oklahoma at least five (5) years next preceding their appointments.

D. Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the Governor for the remainder of the unexpired term.

E. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services but shall be reimbursed for necessary traveling expenses in the performance of their duties pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 5102 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The Oklahoma Law Enforcement Commission shall develop a plan for consolidating all state law enforcement agencies to be submitted

to the Governor and the Legislature by January 1, 1992, including but not limited to the following agencies:

1. The Department of Public Safety;
2. The State Bureau of Investigation;
3. The Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs Control; and
4. The State Fire Marshal.

B. The Oklahoma Law Enforcement Commission shall implement the state law enforcement consolidation plan on or before September 1, 1992.

SECTION 4. 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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