

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 43rd Legislature (1992)

SENATE BILL NO. 621

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AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS; CREATING A JUDICIAL
COMPENSATION COMMISSION; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT
AND TERMS OF MEMBERS; PROVIDING THAT MEMBERS SERVE
WITHOUT COMPENSATION; PROVIDING FOR TRAVEL
REIMBURSEMENT; PROHIBITING CERTAIN PERSONS FROM
SERVING; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT AND ELECTION OF
OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR COMMISSION STAFF;
SPECIFYING TIME FOR CERTAIN MEETINGS AND PROVIDING
FOR ADDITIONAL MEETINGS; DECLARING MEETINGS SUBJECT
TO THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT; DECLARING RECORDS
SUBJECT TO THE OKLAHOMA OPEN RECORDS ACT;
SPECIFYING DUTIES; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE VETO
OF COMMISSION DECISIONS; DECLARING TIMES WHEN
CHANGES IN COMPENSATION BECOME EFFECTIVE; PROVIDING
FOR QUORUM; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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 1701 of Title 20, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Judicial Compensation Commission. The Commission shall be composed of three (3) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, three (3) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and five (5) members appointed by the Governor. Commission members shall be representative of the general population of the state. The appointed members of the Commission shall serve terms which run concurrently with the terms of the respective appointing authorities and shall serve at their pleasure. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be paid actual and necessary travel expenses according to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act for each day of actual attendance at any meeting of the Commission.

B. No members of the judiciary or of the Oklahoma Bar Association may be appointed to or serve on the Commission.

C. The chairman of the Commission shall be designated by the Governor. The Commission shall elect officers as they deem necessary from their membership. Necessary staff shall be provided for the Commission by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

D. The Commission shall meet on the second Tuesday of January every year at nine o'clock a.m. in the State Capitol Building. All Commission meetings shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Section 301 et seq. of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Commission may, at the call of its chairman or upon a majority vote of its membership, hold such additional meetings as are necessary to carry out its official duties.

E. Six (6) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of such quorum shall be necessary for the Commission to act.

F. All Commission records shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Section 24A.1 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

G. The Commission shall review the compensation paid to members of the state judiciary, develop and publish factors regarding judicial compensation prior to setting or changing the compensation, and, if necessary, change the compensation. Any increase in judicial compensation shall become effective on the next following July 1. Any decrease shall become effective at the beginning of each succeeding term of office. Commission decisions regarding compensation are subject to legislative veto by concurrent resolution.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective September 1, 1992.

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