

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 43rd Legislature (1992)

SENATE BILL NO. 626

BY: FORD

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; PROVIDING FOR  
ADDITIONAL MEETINGS; DECLARING MEETINGS SUBJECT TO  
THE OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING ACT; SPECIFYING DUTIES;  
DECLARING TIMES WHEN CHANGES IN JUDICIAL  
COMPENSATION BECOME EFFECTIVE; DECLARING RECORDS  
SUBJECT TO THE OKLAHOMA OPEN RECORDS ACT; PROVIDING  
FOR QUORUM; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE VETO OF  
COMMISSION DECISIONS; 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 five (5) members

appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The appointed members of the Commission shall serve terms which run concurrently with the term of the appointing Governor and shall serve at the Governor's pleasure. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be paid mileage and per diem according to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, 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 said 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 Office of State Finance.

D. The Commission shall meet on the third Tuesday of November every odd-numbered year at nine o'clock a.m. in the State Capitol Building. 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. All Commission meetings shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Section 301 et seq. of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

E. The Commission shall review the compensation paid to members of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeals, the Court of Criminal Appeals, the Workers' Compensation Court, and district courts and any other court assigned by the Legislature and determine salaries for the next two-year period. Any increase in judicial compensation shall become effective on the second Monday in January of the next odd-numbered year. Any decrease shall become effective at the beginning of each succeeding term of office.

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. Three members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum and an affirmative vote of three Commission members shall be necessary for the Commission to act. Commission decisions regarding compensation are subject to legislative veto in whole or in part by concurrent resolution passed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of each house of the Legislature.

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

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