

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2593

By: Williams

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; creating the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame and Executive Nomination Committee; providing for housing of Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame; providing for selection of membership, appointment, qualifications, terms, powers and duties; providing for requirement for inductees into the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame; providing for codification; and 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 6050 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame and the Executive Nomination Committee. The Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame shall be permanently housed at the Nigh Institute of State Government located in Edmond, Oklahoma.

B. The Executive Nomination Committee shall consist of twenty-five (25) members. Seven members shall be selected by the Speaker

of the House of Representatives, seven members shall be selected by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, seven members shall be selected by the Governor, and four members shall be selected by the Board of Directors of the Nigh Institute of State Government.

C. The membership of the Executive Nomination Committee shall be broadly representative of all fields of interest of the women of Oklahoma. Members shall be representative of both rural and urban population and no more than fifteen members shall be of any one political party.

D. The members shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. Any vacancy occurring on the Committee shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

E. Of the initial Committee, the members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve for five (5) years, the members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall serve for four (4) years, the members appointed by the Governor shall serve for three (3) years, and the members appointed by the Board of Directors of the Nigh Institute of State Government shall serve for two (2) years. Thereafter, the members appointed shall serve terms of five (5) years. All Committee members shall be appointed by September 1, 1994.

F. The Board of Directors of the Nigh Institute of State Government shall call the first meeting of the Committee. The Committee shall elect a president and vice president who shall serve for two (2) years. The Committee shall adopt bylaws and orders of procedure for applications and nominations for candidates.

G. The powers and duties of the Committee shall be to:

1. Foster an understanding of and appreciation for the many contributions of the women of Oklahoma to the home, the community, the state and the nation; and

2. Review nominees for the Hall of Fame award and select candidates for induction annually.

H. Inductees of the Oklahoma Women's Hall of Fame shall be selected on the basis of contributions that have resulted in statewide, national or international impact and have brought recognition to the State of Oklahoma. Recognition may be for achievement in the arts, humanities, business, industry, agriculture, health, government, sports, education, homemaking, the media, volunteer activities, women's rights or distinguished personal achievements.

Nominees must have resided within the state for ten (10) years to be eligible for selection. Selection of the inductees will be made by a majority vote of the Committee.

SECTION 2. 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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