

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1286

By: Hutchison of the House  
and  
Easley of the Senate

An Act relating to tourism; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Sections 1804, as amended by Section 10, Chapter 364, O.S.L. 1992 and 1807, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 21, O.S.L. 1992 (74 O.S. Supp. 1994, Sections 1804 and 1807), which relate to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission and Director; modifying removal of the members and the Director; requiring cause for such removal; modifying terms for such members; removing archaic language; providing that the Assistant Director be a classified position; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1804, as amended by Section 10, Chapter 364, O.S.L. 1992 (74 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1804), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1804. A. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission shall consist of one member from each congressional district, who shall be a resident and a qualified elector in the district which appointed, and two members appointed from the state at large. No more than one member shall be from any one county.

Commission members shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall ~~serve at the pleasure of the Governor~~ be removable only for cause, as provided by law for the removal of officers not subject to impeachment. ~~At~~ Beginning July 1, 1995, at the expiration of the current term of each member the Governor shall appoint a successor ~~who~~ as follows:

1. Member from District Five shall initially be appointed for a six-year term, expiring on July 1, 2001;

2. Member from District Six shall initially be appointed for a six-year term, expiring on July 1, 2002;

3. Member at-large, whose predecessor's term expired on July 1, 1996, shall initially be appointed for a seven-year term, expiring on July 1, 2003;

4. Member from District One shall initially be appointed for a seven-year term, expiring on July 1, 2004;

5. Member from District Two shall initially be appointed for a seven-year term, expiring on July 1, 2005;

6. Member at-large, whose predecessor's term expired on July 1, 1998, shall be appointed for an eight-year term, expiring on July 1, 2006;

7. Member from District Three shall be appointed for an eight-year term, expiring on July 1, 2007; and

8. Member from District Four shall be appointed for an eight-year term, expiring on July 1, 2008.

Each member appointed following the expiration of the terms of the initial appointees shall serve for a term of ~~six (6)~~ eight (8) years. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as an ex officio voting member of the Commission. Whenever a vacancy on the Commission occurs by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor shall fill the same by appointment, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and the appointee shall hold office during the unexpired term. Each

member shall hold office until ~~his~~ such member's successor has been appointed and qualified.

B. No member of the Commission shall seek election to a federal, state, or county office while serving on the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission.

C. Each member of the Commission, before serving on the Commission, shall take and subscribe to the constitutional and statutory oaths of office and file said oaths with the Secretary of State. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for travel expenses to Commission meetings as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of this title.

D. ~~Within three (3) days after appointment of the Commission, the Governor shall call said Commission to meet at Oklahoma City.~~ The Commission shall be organized by the Governor who shall appoint from the Commission the ~~Chairman~~ Chairperson, the Vice ~~Chairman~~ Chairperson, and the Secretary. The Commission is authorized and directed to adopt rules ~~and regulations~~ for conducting its proceedings. A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for transacting business. The Commission shall meet at least monthly and may meet at such other times as it deems necessary for effectively performing its duties and responsibilities. Special meetings may be called by the ~~Chairman~~ Chairperson or by any three members of the Commission.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1807, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 21, O.S.L. 1992 (74 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1807), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1807. A. The chief executive officer of the Department shall be the Director, who shall be appointed by the Commission and who shall ~~serve at the pleasure of said~~ only be removed by the Commission for cause. The Director shall be chosen with regard to ~~his~~ the person's knowledge, training, experience, and ability in administering the functions of the Department.

B. The Assistant Director shall be a classified position under the Merit System.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1995.

President of the Senate