

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2416

By: Rice of the House

and

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An Act relating to oil and gas; amending 52 O.S.

1991, Section 149, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 315, O.S.L. 1994 (52 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 149), which relates to Conservation Division personnel; allowing certain employment to substitute for certain experience required for certain positions; providing the appointing authority certain discretion; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 52 O.S. 1991, Section 149, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 315, O.S.L. 1994 (52 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 149), is amended to read as follows:

Section 149. A. There is hereby created within the Corporation Commission of Oklahoma, herein called "Commission", a Conservation Division, the duties and functions of which, subject to the supervision and direction of the Commission, shall be to aid the Commission in the administration and performance of the powers, duties and functions of the Commission with respect to oil and gas conservation and the prevention of pollution resulting from oil and gas production, transportation, and refining operations. The

Conservation Division so created shall consist of the following personnel:

1. A Director of Conservation, who, in addition to the duties and functions now or hereafter prescribed for such officer in this title, shall have overall responsibility, supervision and direction of the activities of the Conservation Division and the administration and enforcement of the rules, ~~regulations~~ and orders of the Commission relating to oil and gas conservation and the prevention of pollution. The Director of Conservation shall be a graduate of an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree and shall have five (5) years' experience in a supervisory capacity in an administrative or personnel management position;

2. A Manager of Pollution Abatement, whose duties and functions shall be to direct and supervise the activities of the Conservation Division with respect to the prevention of pollution. The Manager of Pollution Abatement shall be a graduate of an accredited college or university with a Bachelor of Science Degree and shall have at least five (5) years' practical experience in the production of oil and gas;

3. A Manager of Field Operations, whose duties and functions shall be to direct, supervise and coordinate the activities of the district offices and the field activities of the Conservation Division with respect to both oil and gas conservation and the prevention of pollution. The Manager of Field Operations shall be a graduate of an accredited college or university with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering or a related field and at least five (5) years' practical experience in the production of oil and gas or, in the alternative, shall have at least ten (10) years' experience in the production of oil and gas, of which five (5) years shall be in a supervisory capacity;

4. A Deputy Director of Conservation, whose duties and functions shall be the administrative management of the various

offices of the Conservation Division including, but not limited to, office services and procedures, coordinating personnel administration, processing of expense statements, budget preparation and cost accounting, procurement and use of supplies, files, records, and other professional and clerical services, computer services, with other divisions of the Commission and providing technical assistance as necessary. The Deputy Director of Conservation shall be a graduate of an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree and shall have five (5) years' experience in a supervisory capacity in an administrative or personnel management position;

5. A Senior Engineer and a Senior Geologist, whose duties and functions shall be to provide the Commission, the Director of Conservation, and the Conservation Division with engineering, geological and other technical advice and assistance as needed with respect to oil and gas conservation and the prevention of pollution, including participation in hearings before the Commission or Administrative Law Judges. The Senior Engineer shall be a graduate of an accredited college or university, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering and at least five (5) years' experience as a petroleum engineer. The Senior Geologist shall be a graduate of an accredited college or university, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology and shall have five (5) years' practical experience in petroleum geology;

6. Staff Engineers and Geologists to serve on the staff and as assistants to the Senior Engineer. The Staff Engineers and Geologists shall be graduates of accredited colleges or universities, with Bachelor of Science Degrees in Engineering or Geology, as the case may be, and have a knowledge of petroleum engineering or geology and its application;

7. District Managers, whose duties and functions shall be to supervise and direct the district offices and all field activities

of the Conservation Division, including both oil and gas conservation and the prevention of pollution in the respective districts to which they are assigned. A District Manager shall be a graduate of an accredited college or university with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering and shall have five (5) years' practical experience in the production of oil and gas or, in lieu of a college degree, shall have ten (10) years' experience in the production of oil and gas, of which five (5) years' experience shall be in a supervisory capacity;

8. Assistant District Managers, whose duties and functions shall be to supervise, direct and coordinate the activities of field and office personnel and who shall be under the supervision of the District Managers. An Assistant District Manager shall be a graduate from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor of Science degree in petroleum, civil or mechanical engineering, geology, environmental science or related field and shall have three (3) years' practical experience in production of oil and gas or, in lieu of a college degree, shall have seven (7) years' experience in the production of oil and gas of which three (3) years' experience shall be in a supervisory capacity;

9. Oil and Gas Field Inspectors, whose duties and functions, subject to the direction and supervision of the Oil and Gas Inspection Supervisor of the respective district to which they are assigned, shall be to make inspections and investigations, witness tests, and generally serve as enforcement officers and representatives of the Commission in the administration and enforcement of the rules, ~~regulations~~ and orders of the Commission relating to both oil and gas conservation and the prevention of pollution. An Oil and Gas Field Inspector shall be a high school graduate with at least five (5) years' experience in oil field production and drilling operations or equivalent training and experience with the Commission;

10. Assistant Manager of Field Operations, who under the general direction of the Manager of Field Operations, shall direct, supervise and coordinate office personnel and the activities of the district office and other field programs. An Assistant Manager of Field Operations shall be a graduate of an accredited college or university with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Petroleum Engineering or related fields and shall have five (5) years' experience in the production of oil and gas or, in lieu of a college degree, shall have ten (10) years' experience in the production of oil and gas, of which five (5) years' experience shall be in a supervisory capacity;

11. Oil and Gas Safety Specialist, who under the general direction of the Assistant District Manager of the respective district to which they are assigned, shall investigate incidents of public safety concerns. An Oil and Gas Safety Specialist shall have five (5) years' experience as an Oil and Gas Field Inspector with the Corporation Commission and be fully competent in well control and blowout prevention for drilling operations, in Hydrogen Sulfide control and safety and in hazardous chemical detection;

12. Senior Field Inspector, who, under the general direction or the Oil and Gas Inspector Supervisor of the respective district to which they are assigned, shall perform detailed inspections and investigations and provide expert testimony concerning the enforcement of rules of the Corporation Commission. A Senior Field Inspector shall have five (5) years' experience in the oil and gas industry or shall have at least three (3) years' experience as an Oil and Gas Field Inspector with the Corporation Commission;

13. Oil and Gas Inspector Supervisor, who under the supervision of the Assistant District Manager of the respective district to which they are assigned, shall supervise and perform field inspection activities related to tests, surveys and investigations of oil and gas production, pollution control and environmental

protection. An Oil and Gas Inspector Supervisor shall be a high school graduate with at least five (5) years' experience in oil field production and drilling operations or equivalent training and experience with the Commission;

14. A Senior Statistician and Assistant Statisticians, whose duties and functions shall be the procurement, compilation, analysis and preparation of reports and schedules containing statistics necessary or desirable to the administration or performance of the powers, duties and functions of the Commission and of the Conservation Division with respect to oil and gas conservation and the prevention of pollution. The Senior Statistician shall be a graduate of an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Business Administration, Mathematics or the sciences and at least two (2) years' experience in the processing of large volumes of data with respect to oil and gas operations. An Assistant Statistician shall have at least a high school education and an aptitude and experience in working with the tabulation of numbers; and

15. Secretaries, who shall be qualified to accurately take and transcribe dictation and perform normal duties performed by a secretary; stenographer-clerks who shall be qualified to do typing, filing, handling of mail, and the routine clerical duties of an office; file clerks or librarians who shall be qualified to keep and maintain the central files and records of the Division; and duplicating machine operators.

B. The employees of the Commission who at the effective date of this act are holding positions or performing functions corresponding to those herein prescribed but who do not have the qualifications required by this act for such positions or functions shall not, for that reason, be disqualified to continue in such positions or to perform such functions, but at such time as there is a vacancy in

such position it shall be filled by an employee having the qualifications herein prescribed.

C. For any position listed in this section which requires experience in the production of oil and gas, an equal number of years of employment with the Oklahoma Corporation Commission as a field inspector or field person in the Oil and Gas Conservation Division may, at the discretion of the appointing authority of the Commission, be substituted for the oil and gas production experience requirement.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1996.

SECTION 3. 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 13th day of February, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President of the Senate