

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 626

By: Haney of the Senate

and

Matlock of the House

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1201, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 388, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1201), which relates to the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission; modifying membership; providing for excused absences; deleting obsolete language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1201, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 388, O.S.L. 1994 (74 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 1201), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1201. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. The Commission shall consist of ~~eighteen (18)~~ nineteen (19) members: nine appointed members and ~~nine~~ ten nonvoting, ex officio members. The appointed members shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each appointed member shall be an enrolled member of one of the thirty-nine (39) tribal governments in Oklahoma. All Commission members shall be residents of the State of Oklahoma at the time of their appointment. All appointments to the Commission shall be for terms of three (3) years. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and ~~qualified~~ confirmed. Failure of any appointed member to attend three consecutive regularly scheduled monthly meetings shall result in forfeiture of ~~office~~ appointment. Provided, absences may be excused under extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Commission.

B. Appointments to the Commission shall be made as follows:

1. Four of the members shall be appointed from a list of persons supplied by the tribes represented by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office located in Muskogee, Oklahoma;

2. Four of the members shall be appointed from a list of persons supplied by the tribes represented by the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office located in Anadarko, Oklahoma; and

3. One of the members shall be appointed at large.

C. The ~~nine~~ ten nonvoting, ex officio members shall be:

1. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or ~~his or her~~ designee;

2. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, or ~~his or her~~ designee;

3. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation, or ~~his or her~~ designee;

4. The Director of the Department of Human Services, or ~~his or her~~ designee;

5. The Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, or ~~his or her~~ designee;

6. The Director of the State Arts Council, or ~~his or her~~ designee;

7. The Attorney General, or ~~his or her~~ designee;

8. The Secretary of State, or ~~his or her~~ designee; and

9. The Secretary of Transportation, or designee; and

10. The Governor of the State of Oklahoma, or ~~his or her~~ designee.

D. A Director, who must be an American Indian of at least one-quarter blood, shall be appointed by the Commission to serve at the pleasure of the Commission. The Director shall attend and serve as secretary of all meetings of the Commission and shall be responsible for the execution and administration of the program and projects of the Commission authorized by law and adopted by the Commission in furtherance thereof.

E. In appointing members of the Commission to succeed those previously appointed, appointments shall be restricted to not more than one representative of any tribe. Appointments to the Commission will be geographically distributed to represent the various tribal governments in Oklahoma.

F. The Department of Central Services shall provide suitable office space for said Commission in the State Capitol or other buildings in the State Capitol area.

G. The Commission shall meet regularly at least once every other month and at such other times as may be set by the ~~Chairman~~ Chair. ~~The first meeting required under this act shall be in the month of September, 1994.~~ Members of the Commission shall receive no salary, but shall be entitled to travel reimbursement as provided by the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of this title.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

Passed the Senate the 22nd day of February, 1995.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of April, 1995.

Speaker of the House of Representatives