

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL NO. 2587

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Corporation Commission;

amending 17 O.S. 1991, Section 32, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 315, O.S.L. 1994 (17 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 32), which relates to the General Administrator; clarifying language; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 17 O.S. 1991, Section 32, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 315, O.S.L. 1994 (17 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 32), is amended to read as follows:

Section 32. A. The Corporation Commission shall employ ~~one (1)~~ a General Administrator. ~~Said~~ The position shall be in the unclassified service and shall have a maximum annual salary, payable monthly, which shall be specified in the Commission's annual appropriation bill.

B. The General Administrator shall be required to hold at least a bachelor's degree in marketing, business administration, accounting, personnel management, public administration, counseling, political science, related fields or experience equivalent thereto, or shall hold a juris doctorate degree, and shall have experience in

a supervisory capacity in administrative or personnel management work.

C. The General Administrator, subject to the Commissioners, shall provide for the administration of the office of the Commission and shall:

1. Be the chief administrative officer and appointing authority of the Commission and shall have supervision and control over all Commission employees except for the administrative aide and executive secretary for each Commissioner;

2. Employ, discharge, appoint or contract with, and fix the duties and compensation of all personnel, except for the administrative aide and executive secretary for each Commissioner either on a full-time, part-time, fee or contractual basis, as in ~~his or her~~ the General Administrator's judgment and discretion shall be deemed necessary, expedient, convenient or appropriate to the performance of carrying out the provisions of the laws of the State of Oklahoma and the rules of the Commission; and

3. Establish internal procedures for the proper and efficient administration of the office of the Commission.

D. The General Administrator shall not be an owner, stockholder, employee or officer of, nor have any other business relationship with or receive compensation from, any corporation, partnership, or other business or entity which is subject to regulation by the Commission.

E. In the event of the General Administrator's temporary absence, the General Administrator may delegate the exercise of such powers and duties to a designee during the General Administrator's absence. In the event of a vacancy in the position of General Administrator, the Commission may designate an interim or acting General Administrator who is authorized to exercise such powers and duties until a permanent General Administrator is employed. Any designee exercising such powers and duties of the General

Administrator on a temporary, acting or interim basis shall meet the requirements of subsection D of this section.

F. Whenever a vacancy occurs in the General Administrator's position, the new General Administrator shall be chosen by a majority vote of the Commissioners from at least three ~~(3)~~ candidates recruited and screened by the Office of Personnel Management.

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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