

SHORT TITLE: Courts; creating a Judicial Compensation Commission;
specifying duties; codification; effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 45th Legislature (1996)

SENATE BILL NO. 1273

By: Taylor

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to courts; creating a Judicial Compensation Commission; providing for appointment and terms of members; providing that members serve without compensation; providing for travel reimbursement; prohibiting certain persons from serving; providing for appointment of attorneys; providing for appointment and election of officers; providing for Commission staff; specifying time for certain meetings and providing for additional meetings; declaring meetings subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; providing for quorum; declaring records subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act; specifying duties; requiring report; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 1701 of Title 20, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Judicial Compensation Commission. The Commission shall be composed of three members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, three members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and five members appointed by the Governor. The Commission membership shall be generally representative of the general population of the state. There shall be at least one, but not more than two, Commission members from each congressional district. The appointed members of the Commission shall serve terms which run concurrently with the terms of the respective appointing authorities and shall serve at

their pleasure. A vacancy in office shall be filled by the original appointing authority. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but shall be paid actual and necessary travel expenses according to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, for actual attendance at any meeting of the Commission:

1. Members who are employed by the state shall be reimbursed by their respective employing agency;

2. Members of the Legislature shall be reimbursed pursuant to Section 291 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes; and

3. Any other member shall be reimbursed by the Legislative Service Bureau.

B. No members of the judiciary may be appointed to or serve on the Commission.

C. No more than two members of the Oklahoma Bar Association may be appointed to serve concurrent terms as members of the Commission. Attorneys must be selected for appointment from a list of five names submitted to the appointing authorities by the Governing Board of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

D. The chair of the Commission shall be designated by the Governor. The Commission shall elect officers as they deem necessary from their membership. Necessary staff shall be provided for the Commission by the Administrative Office of the Courts.

E. The Commission shall meet on the third Tuesday of November every year at nine a.m. in the State Capitol Building. All Commission meetings shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, Section 301 et seq. of Title 25 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The Commission may, at the call of its chair or upon a majority vote of its membership, hold additional meetings as necessary to carry out its official duties.

F. Six members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum and a majority vote of a quorum shall be necessary for the Commission to act; however, a majority vote of all members of the Commission shall be required for approval of the final report required by subsection I of this section.

G. All Commission records shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act, Section 24A.1 et seq. of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

H. The Commission shall be an advisory commission which shall review the compensation paid to members of the state judiciary and make recommendations regarding judicial compensation which shall include, but not be limited to, retirement.

I. On or before the second Tuesday of January of each year, the Commission shall file a written report of recommendations with the Chief Justice of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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

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