

SHORT TITLE: Regulation of energy; providing for appropriations; Corporation Commission; salary maximums; budgetary limitations; reporting requirement; providing for appropriations; Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board; limiting salary; budgetary limitations; effective date; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 45th Legislature (1995)

SENATE BILL NO. 187

By: Haney and Hobson of the
Senate

and

Hamilton and Steidley of
the House

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the regulation of energy

production and distribution; making appropriations to the Corporation Commission; stating purposes; specifying categories and amounts; establishing salary maximums for certain unclassified positions; directing and authorizing certain duties and expenditures; providing for duties and compensation of employees; specifying certain budgetary limitations; providing certain exclusions; making continuation of employment of certain employees contingent on certain funding; limiting certain expenditures; making an appropriation to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board; stating purposes; specifying categories and amounts; providing for duties and compensation of employees of the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board; limiting salary of the Administrator; setting budgetary limitations; making certain funds subject to fiscal year limitation; providing lapse date; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

CORPORATION COMMISSION

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated to the Corporation Commission from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Corporation Commission by law.

SECTION 2. From all sources of revenue during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, expenditures for the following categories by the Corporation Commission shall not exceed:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Administration	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Consumer		
Services	0.00	0.00
3. Indemnity Fund	0.00	0.00
4. Oil & Gas	0.00	0.00
5. Underground		
Injection		
Control	0.00	0.00
6. Office of		
Administrative		
Proceeding	0.00	0.00
7. Public Utility		
Division	0.00	0.00
8. Office of General		
Counsel	0.00	0.00
9. Transportation	0.00	0.00
10. Fuel Division	0.00	0.00
11. Pipeline Safety	0.00	0.00
12. Underground		
Storage Tank	0.00	0.00

13. Leaking Underground

Storage Tank	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated to the Corporation Commission from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the Special Cash Fund of the State Treasury the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Corporation Commission by law.

SECTION 4. The authorized number and maximum annual salary, payable monthly, for the unclassified employee positions specified in this section utilized in the operation of the Corporation Commission shall be as set forth in this section. The amounts listed do not constitute an appropriation but are listed to establish salary maximums only for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996.

TITLE	NUMBER AUTHORIZED	MAXIMUM SALARY
General Administrator	1	\$70,000.00
Senior Rate Analyst	1	\$43,585.00
Director, Data Processing	1	\$53,850.00
Administrative Aide	3	\$39,020.00

SECTION 5. One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), inclusive of salaries, shall be spent by the Corporation Commission for a pollution response team to respond to and investigate reports of pollution.

SECTION 6. One Hundred Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$120,000.00) shall be spent by the Corporation Commission to implement the provisions of Section 40.1 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes from any monies available.

SECTION 7. In addition to any other monies dedicated to well plugging, the Corporation Commission is hereby authorized to expend from any monies available in the Conservation Fund of the State

Treasury and the Corporation Commission Revolving Fund an amount not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00), to plug or repair any oil, gas, injection or disposal well which is causing surface or subsurface pollution, pursuant to the provisions of Section 318 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 8. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Corporation Commission by law shall be set by the Commission. The Corporation Commission, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees and expenditures excluding direct expenditures for well plugging as authorized in Section 310 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes, pit closure as authorized in Section 140 of Title 52 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and remediation of sites as authorized in Section 353 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes, and as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	458.0
Lease-Purchase Agreements	0.00

SECTION 9. The continuation of full-time-equivalent employees hired pursuant to Section 360 and Section 361 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be contingent upon sufficient funding of the Oklahoma Petroleum Storage Tank Release Indemnity Program.

SECTION 10. Of the four hundred fifty-eight (458.0) full-time-equivalent employees authorized in Section 8 of this act, fourteen (14.0) shall perform duties in accordance with the Underground Injection Control Program, five (5.0) shall perform duties in accordance with the Underground Storage Tank Program and two (2.0) shall perform duties in accordance with the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program. The continuation of these full-time-

equivalent employees is contingent upon sufficient federal funding to support them.

SECTION 11. Pursuant to subsection F of Section 180.11 of Title 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Corporation Commission shall expend no more than Three Million Three Hundred Eighty-nine Thousand Ninety-six Dollars (\$3,389,096.00) for costs of the Public Utility Division for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996.

LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS BOARD

SECTION 12. There is hereby appropriated to the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board from any monies not otherwise appropriated from the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, the sum of Zero Dollars (\$0.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board by law.

SECTION 13. From all sources of revenue during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, expenditures for the following categories by the Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board shall not exceed:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. General Operations	\$0.00	\$0.00
2. Data Processing	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$0.00	\$0.00

SECTION 14. The duties and compensation of employees, not otherwise prescribed by law, necessary to perform the duties imposed upon the Oklahoma Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board by law shall be set by the Administrator. The salary of the Administrator shall not exceed Thirty-eight Thousand Nine Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$38,919.00) per annum, payable monthly for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996. The Oklahoma Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, shall be subject to the following budgetary limitations on full-time-equivalent employees and expenditures excluding expenditures for capital and special

projects, except as may be authorized pursuant to the provisions of Section 3603 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes:

<u>Budgetary Limitation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Full-time-equivalent Employees	10.0
Lease-Purchase Agreements	\$0.00

SECTION 15. The appropriations made by this act shall be subject to fiscal year limitations and may be encumbered through June 30, 1996. Any unexpended funds remaining after November 15, 1996, shall lapse and be transferred to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year.

SECTION 16. This act shall become effective July 1, 1995.

SECTION 17. 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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