

SHORT TITLE: Oklahoma Film Office; transferring to Office of the Governor; providing an effective date.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 902

By: Smith

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 5026, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 11, O.S.L. 1995 (74 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 5026), which relates to the Oklahoma Film Office and the Oklahoma Film Advisory Commission; transferring the Oklahoma Film Office to the Office of the Governor; requiring the Oklahoma Film Office to be located in Tulsa, Oklahoma; modifying appointing authority of members of Commission; modifying statutory reference; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 5026, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 11, O.S.L. 1995 (74 O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 5026), is amended to read as follows:

Section 5026. A. There is hereby created within the ~~Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department~~ Office of the Governor, the Oklahoma Film Office. The Oklahoma Film Office shall have the primary responsibility in state government for promoting the State of Oklahoma as a location for motion pictures, television programs and videos. The office shall assist the motion picture, television and video film industries by providing production contacts in the

state, suggesting possible filming locations, and other activities that may be required to promote the state as a filming center. The Oklahoma Film Office shall be located in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

B. There is hereby established within the ~~Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department~~ Office of the Governor, the Oklahoma Film Office Advisory Commission which shall consist of the Lieutenant Governor, who shall serve as an ex officio member and as Chairman of the Advisory Commission, and eight (8) members appointed by the ~~Director of the Department~~ Governor. Appointed members shall serve two-year terms. Five appointed members shall have experience in the development and implementation of economic development programs. Three appointed members shall possess a broad working knowledge of the film industry.

The Oklahoma Film Office Advisory Commission shall have the following responsibilities:

1. Focus the activities and functions of the Oklahoma Film Office to provide the maximum economic development impact to the State of Oklahoma;
2. Promote the film industry to local communities;
3. Solicit input annually from a cross section of the public including industry, business and community leaders;
4. Assist the Oklahoma Film Office in developing a marketing plan and a production manual; and
5. Assist the Oklahoma Film Office in the preparation of the annual report.

C. The Oklahoma Film Office shall cooperate with other state and local offices as required to promote the film industry in the state.

D. The Oklahoma Film Office shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate prior to February 1 of each year regarding the activities of the office. The report shall provide

information about the number of filming productions that the office has helped bring to the state and the economic impact of those productions.

E. On ~~September 1, 1993~~ November 1, 1996, the Oklahoma Film Office shall be transferred to the ~~Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation~~ Office of the Governor. The transfer shall include all personnel, equipment, files and funds necessary to operate the Oklahoma Film Office. The employees of the Oklahoma Film Office shall be transferred without a change in status and shall remain subject to the merit system of personnel administration as provided in the Oklahoma Personnel Act, Section 840.1 et seq. of ~~Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes~~ this title. All transferring employees shall, except as otherwise provided for in this subsection, be exempt from any examination or other employment requirements for new employees.

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

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