

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 3161

By: Gilbert

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to statutes; creating the Statute Revision Commission; stating purpose; providing for membership and appointments; providing for officers; providing for meetings and a quorum; providing for certain responsibilities; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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 11c of Title 75, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created to continue until December 31, 1999, the Statute Revision Commission. The purpose of the Commission shall be to assess the current statutory and constitutional language and make recommendations to the Legislature concerning those provisions of law which need to be repealed because they are obsolete.

B. The Commission shall be composed of sixteen (16) members as follows:

1. The Governor shall appoint four members, each fourth member of whom shall be an attorney not connected with the Governor;

2. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall appoint four members as follows:

- a. two of whom shall be members of the House Judiciary Committee,
- b. one of whom shall be a member of the House Government Operations and Agency Oversight Committee, and
- c. one of whom shall be a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association and not connected with the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

3. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall appoint four members as follows:

- a. one of whom shall be a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee,
- b. one of whom shall be a member of the Senate Government Operations Committee,
- c. one of whom shall be a member of the Senate Sunset Committee, and
- d. one of whom shall be a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association and not connected with the State Senate;

4. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall appoint four members, all of whom shall be attorneys or judges, or retired attorneys or retired judges and a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association.

Appointments shall be made by August 1, 1998.

C. The membership of the Commission shall elect a chair and vice-chair of the Commission at the first meeting.

D. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court shall call the first meeting and thereafter the chair or vice-chair shall call the meetings. A majority of the membership appointed shall constitute a quorum necessary for the transaction of any business. The Commission shall be staffed by the House, Senate and Governor's staff.

E. Nonlegislative members shall receive travel reimbursement in accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

F. The Commission shall have the responsibility of:

1. Examining the current statutes;

2. Determining which statutes are totally obsolete and need to be repealed, and which statutes need to be amended to remove obsolete language; and

3. Filing a report prior to December 31, 1999, and annually thereafter with the Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate declaring the Commission's findings and making recommendations on obsolete statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1998.

SECTION 3. 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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