STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL 1139

By: Crutchfield and Campbell
of the Senate

and

Staggs and Deutschendorf
of the House

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An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 16-101, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 16-101), which relates to State Textbook Committee member qualifications; updating certain gender references; specifying certain characteristics of composition for committee; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 16-101, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 229, O.S.L. 1993 (70 O.S. Supp. 1999, Section 16-101), is amended to read as follows:

Section 16-101. There is hereby created the State Textbook Committee, which shall be composed of two members from each congressional district, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate and one member, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall be a lay citizen not having a teaching certificate and having at least one child in the public schools of Oklahoma. A majority of the twelve members appointed from the congressional districts shall be classroom teachers. The regular terms of all members shall be for three (3) years. No member shall ~~be eligible to succeed himself~~ hold successive terms. At no time shall more than one member of the State Textbook Committee be an employee of the same school district.

Each member appointed from a congressional district shall have had not less than five (5) years' teaching or supervisory experience in the public schools of Oklahoma at the time of appointment, and shall be actively employed in the public schools of Oklahoma during the term of service on said Committee. Beginning with appointment of Committee members for fiscal year 2002, at no time shall more than six (6) committee members be certified at the elementary level. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction or a designated member of the staff shall serve as Secretary of the Committee and vote only when there is a tie vote in the membership of the Committee. Each member shall receive necessary traveling expenses while in the performance of ~~his~~ duties for the Committee pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

The Committee may meet at the call of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction at the State Capitol and elect by secret written ballot a chairperson and vice-chairperson from its membership to serve for the year. The terms for which new members from the congressional districts are appointed shall be staggered by the Governor in making appointments. The terms of four members shall expire each year. The ~~four~~ new members appointed each year shall be certified in one of the curriculum areas in which the textbooks will be adopted that ensuing fiscal year.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2000.

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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