

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 47th Legislature (1999)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL 418

By: Easley of the Senate

and

Rice of the House

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An Act relating to the Corporation Commission; prohibiting the Commission from employing person to serve in certain position; authorizing the Commissioners to adopt certain administrative functions and duties to assign to an employee of the Administrative Division; requiring the Commission to hire certain employees and set compensation and qualifications; requiring the Commissioners to review and approve annual budget before submission; prohibiting designation of certain duties to Commission employees; repealing 17 O.S. 1991, Section 32, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 315, O.S.L. 1994 (17 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 32), which relates to the General Administrator of the Corporation Commission; providing for codification; 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 32.1 of Title 17, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Corporation Commission shall not employ any person to serve in the capacity of General Administrator of the agency. The Commissioners may, by a majority vote of the Commissioners, authorize specific administrative functions and duties and assign those functions and duties to an employee who shall serve in the Administrative Division of the Commission. It shall be the exclusive duty of the Commissioners to hire the General Counsel and the Directors of the various divisions within the Commission and set

the compensation and qualifications for those positions. In addition, the Commissioners shall review and approve the agency's annual budget prior to submission to the Office of State Finance and the Legislature. The aforementioned duties shall not be delegated to any employee of the Commission.

SECTION 2. REPEALER 17 O.S. 1991, Section 32, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 315, O.S.L. 1994 (17 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 32), is hereby repealed.

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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