

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 418

By: Easley of the Senate

and

Rice of the House

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 Commissioners 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; and providing for codification.

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O.S. 1991, Section 32, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 315, O.S.L. 1994 (17 O.S. Supp. 1998, Section 32), is hereby repealed.

Passed the Senate the 24th day of May, 1999.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 1999.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives