

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 48th Legislature (2002)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL 1368

By: Taylor of the Senate

and

Askins of the House

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to public officials; amending 19 O.S. 2001, Section 215.30, which relates to district attorneys; providing a salary increase; amending 51 O.S. 2001, Section 6, which relates to dual office holding; providing an exception for assistant district attorneys; amending 68 O.S. 2001, Section 102.1, which relates to the Oklahoma Tax Commission; deleting obsolete language; setting certain salaries; setting salary for Executive Director of the Ethics Commission; providing salary cap for General Counsel of Ethics Commission; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 19 O.S. 2001, Section 215.30, is amended to read as follows:

Section 215.30 A. Beginning January 1, 1997, each district attorney shall receive a salary of Seventy-one Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-three Dollars (\$71,663.00) per year, payable monthly. Beginning January 1, 1999, each district attorney shall receive a salary of Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00) per year, payable monthly. Beginning July 1, 2003, each district attorney shall receive a salary equal to ninety-eight percent (98%) of the salary of a district judge.

B. All appointees and employees of district attorneys, except special district attorneys appointed pursuant to subsection C of Section 215.37M of this title, shall be deemed to be state officers

or employees for all purposes. All special district attorneys appointed pursuant to subsection C of Section 215.37M of this title shall be deemed to be state officers only for purposes of the Governmental Tort Claims Act and Rule 1.11 of the Rules of Professional Conduct for attorneys licensed to practice law in this state.

C. Population, for the purposes of Section 215 et seq. of this title, shall be as determined by the last Federal Decennial Census. The salaries of the district attorneys and the salaries of the assistant district attorneys and their operating and maintenance expenses in each county shall be paid by the state. Provided however:

1. In counties having a population of four hundred thousand (400,000) or more, the salary of the district attorney and assistant district attorneys may be supplemented by the county. Such supplement for the district attorney shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the salary provided for district attorneys by this section. Such supplement for the assistant district attorneys shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the salary authorized for assistant district attorneys in Section 215.34 of this title.

2. The salaries and operating expenses of those assistant district attorneys who are assigned to child support enforcement duties shall be paid by funds received as reimbursement from the Department of Human Services under terms of a contract with the office of the district attorney as authorized by Section 237.1 of Title 56 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. The District Attorneys Council, which may hereinafter be referred to as the "Council", a special division of the Attorney General's Office, is hereby designated as the state agency for the administration and disbursement of all salaries and expenses of the offices of district attorneys authorized by law. All such payrolls and claims against State Treasury funds must be approved by the

Council prior to submission to the Office of State Finance for payment. The Council and the Director of State Finance shall promulgate reasonable rules and regulations covering the preparation of estimates of needs, budgets and claims for the administration of this act, Section 215.1 et seq. of this title, the transmittal of county funds to the State Treasury and the disbursement of all state and county funds under this act.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 51 O.S. 2001, Section 6, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6. A. Except as may be otherwise provided, no person holding an office under the laws of the state and no deputy of any officer so holding any office shall, during the person's term of office, hold any other office or be the deputy of any officer holding any office, under the laws of the state. The provisions of this section shall not apply to:

1. Notaries public;
2. Members of the State Textbook Committee;
3. County free fair board members;
4. Municipal and county law enforcement officers serving in positions as law enforcement officers of both such governmental entities upon such terms and conditions as are mutually approved by resolutions adopted by the board of county commissioners and governing body of the municipality employing such officers;
5. Any person holding a county or municipal office or position, or membership on any public trust authority, who is a member of a board or commission that relates to federal, state, county or municipal government and is created by the United States Government, the State of Oklahoma or a political subdivision of the state, except where the duties of the offices or positions conflict;
6. Any elected municipal officers and school board members who are appointed to a state board, commission, or similar entity if there is no compensation for such services other than reimbursement

for necessary travel expenses pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

7. Any trustee of a public trust, who is appointed as a trustee of a different public trust or any trustee of the Tulsa County Public Facilities Authority who may also be employed by the Department of Transportation;

8. Law enforcement officers employed by municipal or county law enforcement departments or agencies, other than those law enforcement officers elected or appointed as sheriff, chief of police or some similar position in which they are the head of a county or municipal law enforcement agency, who are elected to local boards of education; provided, the provisions of this paragraph shall not prohibit any law enforcement officer employed by a municipality having a population of ten thousand (10,000) or fewer people from serving as a member of a local board of education;

9. Any member of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol Division of the Department of Public Safety who is elected to a local board of education;

10. Any District Supervisor, Assistant District Supervisor, Team Supervisor, Parole Officer 1 or Parole Officer 2 of the Department of Corrections who is elected or appointed to a city council;

11. Any trustee or director of a rural electric cooperative, or port authority who is appointed or elected to a state, county or municipal board, commission or similar entity;

12. County employees who are elected as members of town or city councils;

13. Municipal, county, state or tribal law enforcement or peace officers operating under cross-deputization agreements with an Indian tribe or branch of the federal government;

14. Municipal or county law enforcement or peace officers serving in positions as campus police officers or campus public safety officers pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Campus Security Act, upon such terms and conditions as are mutually approved by resolution adopted by the governing body of the municipality or county and the governing board of the institution of higher education;

15. State law enforcement or peace officers serving in positions as campus police officers or campus public safety officers pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Campus Security Act, upon such terms and conditions as are mutually approved by written agreement between the Commissioner of Public Safety and the governing board of the institution of higher education;

16. Municipal and county law enforcement officers serving in positions as part-time rangers under the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department;

17. The Administrator of a Scenic Rivers Commission serving in the position of a park ranger under the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department;

18. Members of the University Hospitals Authority;

19. Any person holding a state office or position who is a reserve force deputy sheriff or a reserve municipal police officer;

20. Any person holding a state office or position who serves as a special assistant district attorney without compensation;

21. Any elected or appointed member of a local school board who is a member of a municipal planning commission;

22. Any elected or appointed member of a local school board who is a member or an officer of a volunteer fire department;

23. Directors or officers of a rural water district and chiefs of municipal fire departments or rural fire districts who are appointed or elected to an unsalaried office in a state, county, municipal, school, or technology center school board, commission, or

similar entity, except where the duties of the office would create a conflict of interest; ~~and~~

24. Any person who is a dispatcher or confinement officer at a municipal jail who is a noncompensated reserve municipal police officer; and

25. Any person who is an assistant district attorney serving as a municipal judge or prosecutor.

The provisions of this section shall not prohibit any person holding an office under the laws of the state or any deputy of any officer so holding any office from serving upon the board of Oklahoma Futures or upon the board of directors of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology. The provisions of this section shall not prohibit a member of the board of directors of the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology from serving upon the board of Oklahoma Futures.

B. Any salaries, emoluments or benefits that would otherwise be paid by the agency or political subdivision to a loaned employee or officer shall instead be paid to the regular employer of such employee. The loaned employee shall in turn be paid regular salary and benefits the same as if continuing regular employment with the permanent employer.

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 102.1, is amended to read as follows:

~~Section 102.1 1. From and after the beginning date of a term of office which commences in, or after, January 1993, and ending in December 1994, the annual salary, payable monthly, of the officers of the Oklahoma Tax Commission shall be as follows:~~

Chairman	_____	\$69,371.00
Vice Chairman	_____	\$68,132.00
Secretary-Member	_____	\$68,132.00

~~2. A.~~ For any period commencing on or after January, 1995, the annual salary of ~~a Commissioner~~ an officer of the Oklahoma Tax

Commission shall be increased by the percentage or amount provided for salary increases for employees of the Oklahoma Tax Commission for each fiscal year beginning with Fiscal Year 1995, if such employee salary increases are authorized by the Legislature.

3. B. From and after the beginning date of a term of office which commences in, or after, January 1997, the annual salary, payable monthly, of the officers of the ~~Oklahoma~~ Tax Commission shall be as follows:

Chairman	\$85,000.00
Vice-Chairman	\$84,500.00
Secretary-Member	\$84,500.00

~~4. If the constitutional amendment proposed in Enrolled Senate Joint Resolution No. 22 of the 2nd Session of the 46th Oklahoma Legislature is approved by the people, members of the Tax Commission shall receive an increase in compensation in an amount necessary to equalize salaries to that of the most recently appointed member. Such increase shall be effective beginning on the date of certification of election returns favoring passage of such constitutional amendment.~~

C. Effective January 2005, from and after the beginning date of a term of office which commences in or after January 2003, the annual salary, payable to the officers of the Tax Commission shall be equal to that paid to a judge of the Workers' Compensation Court.

D. All such salaries shall be payable monthly out of monies available for expenditure for such purpose.

SECTION 4. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4259 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Effective July 1, 2003, the Executive Director of the Ethics Commission shall receive a salary in an amount equal to the salary of a district attorney.

B. Effective July 1, 2003, the General Counsel of the Ethics Commission may receive a salary in an amount not to exceed ninety-five percent (95%) of the salary of the Executive Director of the Ethics Commission.

SECTION 5. 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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