

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB2811

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to chambers of commerce; prohibiting dues, fees, assessments or other charges as a prerequisite to or requirement of membership in any chamber of commerce; authorizing persons and businesses to be voting members; 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 5001.1 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

No municipal or state chamber of commerce may require the payment of any dues, fees, assessments or other charges for any purpose prior to or during the time of an individual or business becoming or existing as a member of that chamber of commerce. Any person or business in the municipality or state may be a voting member of the appropriate chamber of commerce and represented by that chamber.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

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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