

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1559

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to roads, bridges and ferries; amending 69 O.S. 2001, Section 303, which relates to functions, powers and duties of the Transportation Commission; clarifying statutory language; providing certain prohibition; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 69 O.S. 2001, Section 303, is amended to read as follows:

Section 303. ~~(a)~~ A. The Transportation Commission shall constitute an advisory, administrative, and policy-making board with which the Director of the Department of Transportation shall from time to time consult regarding the administration of the affairs of the Department. The Commission may require from the Director complete reports and information relative to the affairs of the Department at such time and in such manner as the Commission may deem advisable.

~~(b)~~ B. In addition to its other powers and duties, as herein defined, the Commission shall have the following specific powers and duties:

~~(1)~~ 1. To organize itself by the election of a ~~chairman~~ chair, ~~vice-chairman~~ vice-chair and secretary, who shall perform the duties required of them by the rules ~~and regulations~~ of the Commission, but shall receive no extra compensation therefor;

~~(2)~~ 2. To elect a ~~State Highway~~ Director of the Department of Transportation and fix ~~his~~ the salary of the Director within the limits of this ~~Code~~ title, who shall serve ~~during~~ at the pleasure of

the Commission, expressed by a majority vote of the entire Commission;

~~(3)~~ 3. To prescribe rules, ~~regulations,~~ and policies for the transaction of its business, and for the letting of all contracts and purchases;

~~(4)~~ 4. To prescribe the manner of cooperation between county and municipal officials with the Commission;

~~(5)~~ 5. Except as otherwise provided herein, to let or supervise the letting of all contracts for construction or improvements of state highways, or any contract for road or bridge construction or improvement where the work is being done in whole or in part with state or federal monies; and

~~(6)~~ 6. To authorize all expenditures prior to the incurring therefor, except as otherwise provided in this ~~Code~~ title.

~~(c)~~ C. Each Commissioner shall aid in the promotion of highway construction, improvements, and maintenance throughout the entire state, and shall not act as the special representative of the particular district in which ~~he~~ the Commissioner resides.

D. The Commission shall be prohibited from letting any contract to provide any service that is currently provided by the Department upon the effective date of this act without the advice and consent of the Senate.

SECTION 2. 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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