STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL 1525

By: Shurden and Gumm of the Senate

and

Wilson of the House

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An Act relating to revenue and taxation; amending 68 O.S. 2001, Section 50015, which relates to the Oklahoma Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee; modifying membership; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 68 O.S. 2001, Section 50015, is amended to read as follows:

Section 50015. A. There is hereby created an Oklahoma Tourism Promotion Advisory Committee which shall advise the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department on matters of statewide tourism promotion. The Committee shall consist of ~~thirteen (13)~~ seventeen (17) members and one ex officio nonvoting member as follows:

1. Chair of the Senate Tourism Committee, or designee;

2. Chair of the House of Representatives Tourism and Recreation Committee, or designee;

3. President of the Oklahoma Travel Industry Association, or designee;

4. President of the Oklahoma Lakes and Countries Association, or designee;

5. Member of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission, selected by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission, whose occupation shall be in the tourism industry;

6. President of the Oklahoma Hotel/Motel Association, or designee;

7. President of the Oklahoma Restaurant Association, or designee;

8. Representative of the City Convention and Tourism Bureau or a representative of a municipal chamber of commerce, appointed by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission;

9. Director of the Oklahoma Arts Council, or designee;

10. Representative of the tour operator or travel agent sector, appointed by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission;

11. Representative of the transportation sector, including but not limited to, airlines, bus companies, car rental business, appointed by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission;

12. Executive Director of the Oklahoma Historical Society, or designee; ~~and~~

13. Director of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority, or designee;

14. Two members selected by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate with a working knowledge of the tourism industry from any county with a population of less than two hundred thousand (200,000); and

15. Two members selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives with a working knowledge of the tourism industry from any county with a population of less than two hundred thousand (200,000).

The Director of the Division of Travel and Tourism of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, or designee, shall serve as the ex officio nonvoting member.

B. The initial appointed members shall be appointed on or before January 1, 1988. The term of office of each appointed member shall be for one (1) year and end on December 31 of each year, but all members shall hold office until their successors are appointed.

C. The membership shall annually elect a chair and vice-chair of the Committee, each of whom shall serve for a term of one (1) fiscal year and until their successor is elected, and who shall perform such duties as the Committee directs.

D. The members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their services or reimbursements for any expenses incurred.

E. The Committee shall hold at least four regular meetings each calendar year at a place and time to be fixed by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission.

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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