ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1800

By: Carey and Askins of the House

and

Monson of the Senate

An Act relating to state government; creating the State Classification Task Force; stating purpose; providing for membership, terms, tenure, officers, staffing, compensation restrictions, travel reimbursement, meetings, duties, and responsibilities of the Task Force; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 840-5.1B of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the State Classification Task Force for the purpose of reviewing unclassified positions in the executive branch of state government, excluding The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education, and making recommendations to the Legislature concerning the current unclassified service and the feasibility of proposals to add positions to or remove positions from the unclassified service.

B. The Task Force shall consist of ten (10) members of the Oklahoma Legislature, five members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and five members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority.

C. Beginning on the effective date of this act and for the Forty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature, the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall select the chair of the Task Force and the

President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall select the vice-chair of the Task Force. Thereafter, the chair and vice-chair shall rotate between the House of Representatives and Senate with the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives making the respective appointments.

D. Staffing for the Task Force shall be provided by the legislative staff of the House of Representatives and the Senate, and the Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management.

E. Members of the Task Force shall receive no compensation for serving on the Task Force but shall receive travel reimbursement for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes from the legislative body in which they serve.

F. 1. The Task Force shall meet in November of each year and shall review any agency proposals to add unclassified positions to the state service. A representative from each appointing authority of a state agency that desires to add unclassified positions shall attend the meeting and present the proposal of the agency.

2. The Task Force shall also review positions currently in the unclassified service. The Task Force may request the presence of state agency representatives to provide information concerning such positions.

3. On or before February 1 of each year, the Task Force shall present any recommendations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate concerning current positions in the unclassified service and agency proposals to add unclassified positions.

4. The Task Force may also meet during the regular session of the Legislature to consider any additional requests to add unclassified positions to the state service.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective October 1, 2003.

Passed the House of Representatives the 5th day of March, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate