

ENROLLED SENATE  
BILL NO. 294

By: Easley of the Senate

and

Hefner of the House

An Act relating to tourism; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Section 1804, as amended by Section 23, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2002 (74 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 1804), which relates to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission; stating qualifications for certain Commission members; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 1804, as amended by Section 23, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2002 (74 O.S. Supp. 2002, Section 1804), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1804. A. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission shall consist of eight (8) members. One member shall be appointed from each congressional district, who shall be a resident and a qualified elector in the district which appointed, and the remaining members shall be appointed from the state at large, one of whom shall possess and maintain a fishing license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation, or shall have been active through business or organizations in the promotion of fishing in the State of Oklahoma for at least five (5) years, or shall possess the skills to communicate the views of the fishing community, not only to those who live in the State of Oklahoma, but also to those outside its borders. However, when congressional districts are redrawn each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall complete the current term of office and appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn districts which are not represented by a board member until such time as each of the modified congressional districts are represented by a board member. No appointments may be made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective if such appointment would result in more than two members serving from the same modified district. No more than one member shall be from any one county. Commission members shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. At the expiration of the term of each member the Governor shall appoint a successor who shall serve for a term of six (6) years. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as an ex

officio voting member of the Commission. Whenever a vacancy on the Commission occurs by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor shall fill the same by appointment, with the advice and consent of the Senate, and the appointee shall hold office during the unexpired term. Each member shall hold office until his or her successor has been appointed and qualified.

B. No member of the Commission shall seek election to a federal, state, or county office while serving on the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission.

C. Each member of the Commission, before serving on the Commission, shall take and subscribe to the constitutional and statutory oaths of office and file said oaths with the Secretary of State. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for travel expenses to Commission meetings as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of this title.

D. Within three (3) days after appointment of the Commission, the Governor shall call ~~said~~ such Commission to meet at Oklahoma City. The Commission shall be organized by the Governor who shall appoint from the Commission the ~~Chairman~~ Chair, the Vice ~~Chairman~~ Chair, and the Secretary. The Commission is authorized and directed to adopt rules and regulations for conducting its proceedings. A majority of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for transacting business. The Commission shall meet at least monthly and may meet at such other times as it deems necessary for effectively performing its duties and responsibilities. Special meetings may be called by the ~~Chairman~~ Chair or by any three members of the 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.

Passed the Senate the 29th day of May, 2003.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 29th day of May, 2003.

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