

**EHB 1800**

**THE STATE SENATE**  
**Tuesday, April 1, 2003**

**ENGROSSED**

**House Bill No. 1800**

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

1 members of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
2 Senate. Members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing  
3 authority.

4 C. Beginning on the effective date of this act and for the  
5 Forty-ninth Oklahoma Legislature, the Speaker of the House of  
6 Representatives shall select the chair of the Task Force and the  
7 President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall select the vice-chair of  
8 the Task Force. Thereafter, the chair and vice-chair shall rotate  
9 between the House of Representatives and Senate with the President  
10 Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
11 Representatives making the respective appointments.

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

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

20 F. 1. The Task Force shall meet in November of each year and  
21 shall review any agency proposals to add unclassified positions to  
22 the state service. A representative from each appointing authority

1 of a state agency that desires to add unclassified positions shall  
2 attend the meeting and present the proposal of the agency.

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

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

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

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

16 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, dated 3-26-03 - DO  
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