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THE STATE SENATE
Thursday, February 20, 2003

Senate Bill No. 294
As Amended

SENATE BILL NO. 294 - By: EASLEY of the Senate and HEFNER of the House.

[tourism - Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission - qualifications - 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 or hunting license issued by the Department of Wildlife Conservation, one of whom shall have been active through business or organizations in the promotion of fishing and/or hunting in the State of Oklahoma for at least five (5) years, and one of whom shall possess the skills to communicate the views of the fishing and hunting community, not only to those who live in the State of Oklahoma, but also to those outside its

1 borders. However, when congressional districts are redrawn each
2 member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which such
3 modification becomes effective shall complete the current term of
4 office and appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such
5 modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn
6 districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such
7 modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn districts
8 which are not represented by a board member until such time as each
9 of the modified congressional districts are represented by a board
10 member. No appointments may be made after July 1 of the year in
11 which such modification becomes effective if such appointment would
12 result in more than two members serving from the same modified
13 district. No more than one member shall be from any one county.
14 Commission members shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with
15 the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall serve at the
16 pleasure of the Governor. At the expiration of the term of each
17 member the Governor shall appoint a successor who shall serve for a
18 term of six (6) years. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as an ex
19 officio voting member of the Commission. Whenever a vacancy on the
20 Commission occurs by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor
21 shall fill the same by appointment, with the advice and consent of
22 the Senate, and the appointee shall hold office during the unexpired

1 term. Each member shall hold office until his or her successor has
2 been appointed and qualified.

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

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

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

1 SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
2 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
3 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
4 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TOURISM & WILDLIFE, dated 2-13-03
6 - DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.