

ENGROSSED SENATE
BILL NO. 1783

By: Rabon of the Senate

and

Jackson of the House

[state employees - appeal procedure - defining term
codification -
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 2.5 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any employee of the Department of Wildlife Conservation aggrieved by disciplinary action resulting from a complaint from a member of the public may file an appeal with the Oklahoma Merit Protection Commission within sixty (60) days of the alleged disciplinary action. The Oklahoma Merit Protection Commission shall promulgate rules in compliance with the Administrative Procedures Act for the conduct of investigations of such complaints. The Executive Director shall appoint a hearing examiner to hear the case as provided for in Sections 840-6.6 through 840-6.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. As used in this section, "disciplinary action" means any direct or indirect form of discipline, any dismissal, demotion, transfer, reassignment, suspension, reprimand, admonishment, warning of possible dismissal, reduction in force, reduction in rank, reduction in status, or withholding of work.

C. The Department of Wildlife Conservation shall not take any disciplinary action against an employee for filing an appeal with the Oklahoma Merit Protection Commission pursuant to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2006.

Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2006.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2006.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives