

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 HOUSE BILL 3165

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to immigration; creating the Oklahoma
8 Patriotic Immigration Commission; providing for
membership; providing for appointment of chair;
9 requiring first meeting be held by date certain;
providing for travel reimbursement; authorizing the
10 appointment and hiring of an administrator and staff;
providing duties of the Commission; requiring mutual
11 agreement on dissolution of Commission; providing for
codification; providing an effective date; and
12 declaring an emergency.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2001 of Title 25, unless there
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. The Oklahoma Patriotic Immigration Commission is hereby
19 created. The Commission shall consist of the following members:

- 20 1. The Governor, or designee;
- 21 2. The Attorney General, or designee;
- 22 3. The Cabinet Secretary of Safety and Security, or designee;
- 23 4. The Commissioner of Labor, or designee;
- 24 5. The Secretary of Agriculture, or designee;

1 6. Two members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
2 appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;
3 and

4 7. Two members of the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the
5 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate.

6 B. The chair of the Commission shall be jointly appointed by
7 the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives from the committee members
9 identified in subsection A of this section no later than thirty (30)
10 days after the date this act is approved and becomes effective as
11 law. The first meeting of the Oklahoma Patriotic Immigration
12 Commission, as created herein, shall be held at the call of the
13 chair, but no later than September 1, 2008.

14 C. Members of the Oklahoma Patriotic Immigration Commission
15 shall serve without additional compensation, each of whom may from
16 time to time serve by and through a person designated by the member
17 in writing for that purpose. Legislative members shall receive
18 reimbursement for necessary travel expenses incurred in the
19 performance of their duties pursuant to the provisions of Section
20 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Nonlegislative members of
21 the Commission shall receive reimbursement for necessary travel
22 expenses incurred pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

23 D. The Oklahoma Patriotic Immigration Commission is authorized
24 to appoint or retain an administrator for such period, upon such

1 terms and conditions and for such compensation as the Commission may
2 deem appropriate. The administrator shall serve as secretary to the
3 Oklahoma Patriotic Immigration Commission, and hire and supervise
4 such other staff as may be authorized by the Commission, but shall
5 not be a member.

6 E. The duties of the Commission shall be as follows:

7 1. To investigate, negotiate and report as to the necessity and
8 advisability of a compact between this state and other states
9 regarding agricultural and nonagricultural guest worker programs,
10 border enforcement and protection, employee identification
11 documentation and distribution of public benefits;

12 2. To hold such hearings and conferences in this state or other
13 states as may be required and to take such action, either separately
14 or in cooperation with other states or the United States, as may be
15 necessary or convenient to accomplish the purposes of this act; and

16 3. To report to the Governor and the Legislature of the State
17 of Oklahoma annually on February 1 of each year its findings and
18 recommendations concerning joint action by the State of Oklahoma and
19 other states.

20 F. The Oklahoma Patriotic Immigration Commission shall
21 terminate upon the date mutually agreed upon by a majority of the
22 members of the Commission pursuant to a formal motion for
23 dissolution of the Commission after its business has concluded.

24 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2008.

1 SECTION 3. 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.

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