

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 1872

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to tourism; amending Section 4,
8 Chapter 363, O.S.L. 2005 (74 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section
9 2203), which relates to the Oklahoma Tourism and
10 Recreation Commission membership; adding exemption;
11 and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 363, O.S.L.
14 2005 (74 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section 2203), is amended to read as
15 follows:

16 Section 2203. A. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
17 Commission shall consist of eight (8) members who shall serve a term
18 of six (6) years. No more than one Commission member shall be from
19 any one county. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as an ex
20 officio voting member of the Commission.

21 B. One member shall be appointed from each congressional
22 district, who shall be a resident and a qualified elector in the
23 district from which appointed, and the remaining members shall be
24 appointed from the state at large. If congressional districts are

1 redrawn each member appointed shall complete the current term of
2 office at which time a new appointment shall be made in compliance
3 with the redrawn congressional district.

4 C. Commission members shall be appointed by the Governor, with
5 the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall serve at the
6 pleasure of the Governor. Whenever a vacancy on the Commission
7 occurs by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor shall fill
8 the same by appointment, with the advice and consent of the Senate,
9 and the appointee shall hold office during the unexpired term. Each
10 member shall hold office until a successor has been appointed and
11 qualified. Five members of the Commission shall constitute a
12 quorum, and the vote of the majority of members present shall be
13 necessary for any action to be taken by the Commission. No vacancy
14 in the membership of the Commission shall impair the rights of a
15 quorum to exercise and perform all the rights and duties of the
16 Commission.

17 D. ~~No~~ With the exception of the ex-officio, no member of the
18 Commission shall seek election to a federal, state, or county office
19 while serving on the Commission.

20 E. Each member of the Commission, before serving on the
21 Commission, shall take and subscribe to the constitutional and
22 statutory oaths of office and file said oaths with the Secretary of
23 State. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for travel
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1 expenses to Commission meetings as provided in the State Travel
2 Reimbursement Act of the Oklahoma Statutes.

3 F. The Commission shall be organized by the Governor who shall
4 appoint from the Commission the Chair, the Vice Chair, and the
5 Secretary. The Commission is authorized and directed to adopt rules
6 pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act to
7 execute the powers and duties of the Commission and Department.

8 G. The Commission may meet monthly and shall meet at least
9 quarterly. The Commission may meet at such other times as it deems
10 necessary for effectively performing its duties and
11 responsibilities. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by
12 any three members of the Commission. The meetings of the Commission
13 shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

14 H. The Commission is hereby declared to be a governmental
15 agency and instrumentality of the State of Oklahoma with authority
16 to exercise, in addition to those it now has, the rights, privileges
17 and functions hereinafter specified.

18 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2008.

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