

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR ENGROSSED

5 SENATE BILL NO. 953

By: Myers and Halligan of the
Senate

6 and

7 Watson of the House

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10 An Act relating to energy; stating legislative
11 finding; creating the Oklahoma Clean Energy
12 Independence Commission; stating membership;
13 requiring appointments by certain date; providing
14 termination date; providing for reports; providing
15 for assistance and donations; authorizing travel
16 reimbursement; providing for noncodification; and
17 declaring an emergency.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be
20 codified in the Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:

21 A. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the United
22 States is suffering greatly in the midst of an overall energy crisis
23 and immediate steps should be taken to support federal efforts to
24 address the energy needs of the citizens of this country. While the
State of Oklahoma alone cannot provide the resources required to

1 | conduct a project on the scale necessary to solve every aspect of
2 | this impending crisis, it is possible for our state to gather
3 | together a dedicated group of Oklahomans with experience in a
4 | variety of energy-related industries and utilize our state's
5 | resources to make a significant contribution to the nation's efforts
6 | to achieve a goal of clean energy independence within the next five
7 | (5) years.

8 | B. To implement the goals of this act, the Oklahoma Clean
9 | Energy Independence Commission is hereby created. The Secretary of
10 | Energy shall determine the number of members to be appointed to the
11 | Commission, and one-third (1/3) of the total number shall be
12 | appointed by the Governor, one-third (1/3) by the President Pro
13 | Tempore of the Senate and one-third (1/3) by the Speaker of the
14 | House of Representatives. Members appointed to the Commission shall
15 | include, but not be limited to, representatives of:

- 16 | 1. Governmental agencies with energy-related responsibilities;
- 17 | 2. Private energy industries, including traditional and
18 | alternative technologies; and
- 19 | 3. Public and private state universities with an interest in
20 | energy technologies.

21 | The Commission shall be chaired by the Secretary of Energy, or
22 | designee.

23 | C. Members of the Commission shall be appointed no later than
24 | July 1, 2009, and activities of the Commission may continue until

1 December 1, 2010. Reports may be issued as the Secretary of Energy
2 deems necessary and appropriate. The Secretary may seek assistance
3 for any services from state agencies or governmental entities and
4 donations of money or other resources may be accepted from any
5 person or private entity to assist the operations of the Commission,
6 provided such donations are otherwise allowed by law.

7 D. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation
8 for their duties, but may receive reimbursement for necessary and
9 actual travel costs pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.
10 Such expenses shall be paid by the Office of the Governor.

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

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