

1 ENGROSSED SENATE  
2 BILL NO. 953

By: Myers and Halligan of the  
Senate

3 and

4 Watson of the House

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7 [ energy - Oklahoma Clean Energy Independence

8 Commission - noncodification -

9 emergency ]

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

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

14 A. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the United  
15 States is suffering greatly in the midst of an overall energy crisis  
16 and immediate steps should be taken to support federal efforts to  
17 address the energy needs of the citizens of this country. While the  
18 State of Oklahoma alone cannot provide the resources required to  
19 conduct a project on the scale necessary to solve every aspect of  
20 this impending crisis, it is possible for our state to gather  
21 together a dedicated group of Oklahomans with experience in a  
22 variety of energy-related industries and utilize our state's  
23 resources to make a significant contribution to the nation's efforts

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1 to achieve a goal of clean energy independence within the next five  
2 years.

3 B. To implement the goals of this act, the Oklahoma Clean  
4 Energy Independence Commission is hereby created. The Secretary of  
5 Energy shall determine the number of members to be appointed to the  
6 Commission, and one-third of the total number shall be appointed by  
7 the Governor, one-third by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate  
8 and one-third by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

9 Members appointed to the Commission shall include, but not be  
10 limited to, representatives of:

- 11 1. Governmental agencies with energy-related responsibilities;
- 12 2. Private energy industries, including traditional and  
13 alternative technologies; and
- 14 3. Public and private state universities with an interest in  
15 energy technologies.

16 The Commission shall be chaired by the Secretary of Energy, or  
17 designee.

18 C. Members of the Commission shall be appointed no later than  
19 July 1, 2009, and activities of the Commission may continue until  
20 December 1, 2010. Reports may be issued as the Secretary of Energy  
21 deems necessary and appropriate. The Secretary may seek assistance  
22 for any services from state agencies or governmental entities and  
23 donations of money or other resources may be accepted from any

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1 person or private entity to assist the operations of the Commission,  
2 provided such donations are otherwise allowed by law.

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

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

11 Passed the Senate the 9th day of March, 2009.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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15 Passed the House of Representatives the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
16 2009.

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