

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 953

By: Myers, Halligan, Garrison
and Bass of the Senate

and

Watson, Sullivan and Scott
of the House

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

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

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

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

to achieve a goal of clean energy independence within the next five (5) years.

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

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

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

C. Members of the Commission shall be appointed no later than July 1, 2009, and activities of the Commission may continue until December 1, 2010. Reports may be issued as the Secretary of Energy deems necessary and appropriate. The Secretary may seek assistance for any services from state agencies or governmental entities and donations of money or other resources may be accepted from any person or private entity to assist the operations of the Commission, provided such donations are otherwise allowed by law.

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

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

Passed the Senate the 4th day of May, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 14th day of April, 2009.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives