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Committee Substitute for
ENGROSSED
Senate Bill No. 953

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 953 - By: MYERS
AND HALLIGAN of the Senate and WATSON 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:

1 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law not to be codified in the
2 Oklahoma Statutes reads as follows:
3 A. The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the United States is suffering
4 greatly in the midst of an overall energy crisis and immediate steps should be taken to
5 support federal efforts to address the energy needs of the citizens of this country. While
6 the State of Oklahoma alone cannot provide the resources required to conduct a project
7 on the scale necessary to solve every aspect of this impending crisis, it is possible for our
8 state to gather together a dedicated group of Oklahomans with experience in a variety of
9 energy-related industries and utilize our state's resources to make a significant

1 contribution to the nation's efforts to achieve a goal of clean energy independence within
2 the next five (5) years.

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

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

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

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

20 D. Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation for their duties,
21 but may receive reimbursement for necessary and actual travel costs pursuant to the

1 State Travel Reimbursement Act. Such expenses shall be paid by the Office of the
2 Governor.

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

6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND UTILITY
7 REGULATION, dated 04-02-09 - DO PASS, As Amended.