

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 953

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6 AS INTRODUCED

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

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

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

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

1 resources to make a significant contribution to the nation's efforts
2 to achieve a goal of clean energy independence within the next five
3 years.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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