



1 area shall consist of executive agencies, boards, commissions, or  
2 institutions with similar programmatic or administrative objectives.  
3 One cabinet area shall consist of the Oklahoma Department of  
4 Veterans Affairs, its institutions and other executive agencies,  
5 boards, commissions and institutions which are related to veterans.  
6 One cabinet area shall consist of the Information Services Division  
7 of the Office of State Finance and all the functions of all  
8 executive agencies, boards, commissions and institutions related to  
9 information technology and telecommunications. The Governor's  
10 cabinet shall be in effect until the Legislature supersedes ~~each~~ for  
11 a specific cabinet area or department by providing by law for  
12 specific cabinet areas or departments, or removes by law the  
13 authority of the Governor to create a cabinet area. At any time  
14 during the Governor's term of office, the cabinet may be modified at  
15 the sole discretion of the Governor subject to Senate confirmation  
16 as provided by subsection B of this section.

17 B. The Governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of  
18 the Senate, a Secretary to head each cabinet area. The Secretary  
19 appointee for the cabinet area consisting of the Oklahoma Department  
20 of Veterans Affairs and other related veterans entities shall be an  
21 honorably discharged veteran and be eligible to receive benefits  
22 from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The  
23 Secretary for the cabinet area consisting of the Information  
24 Services Division of the Office of State Finance and all related

1 information technology and telecommunications functions of state  
2 government shall be the Chief Information Officer who shall be  
3 appointed pursuant to Section ~~2 of this act~~ 34.11.1 of Title 62 of  
4 the Oklahoma Statutes. A cabinet Secretary may be appointed as a  
5 position funded by the Office of the Governor from funds available  
6 to that office, or appointed as a cabinet Secretary from among the  
7 agency heads within the cabinet area. The cabinet Secretaries  
8 shall:

9 1. Advise the Governor of any policy changes or problems within  
10 the area they represent;

11 2. Advise the entities represented of any policy changes or  
12 problems as directed by the Governor; and

13 3. Coordinate information gathering for the Legislature as  
14 requested.

15 C. The cabinet Secretaries shall serve at the pleasure of the  
16 Governor, however, the appointment or removal of a cabinet Secretary  
17 who is also an agency head shall not otherwise affect the status of  
18 the other duties of the agency head. Whenever a Secretary position  
19 becomes vacant, the Governor shall appoint a successor within thirty  
20 (30) calendar days pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of  
21 this section. If the Legislature is not in session at the time of  
22 appointment it shall be subject to the advice and consent of the  
23 Senate upon convening of the next regular session of the  
24 Legislature.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2012.

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