



1 Section 10.3 A. Within forty-five (45) days of assuming  
2 office, each Governor may create a cabinet system for the executive  
3 branch of state government. The cabinet system may be an  
4 organizational framework created by executive order which includes  
5 all executive agencies, boards, commissions, or institutions and  
6 their assignments to specific cabinet areas. The cabinet system  
7 shall consist of no more than fifteen cabinet areas and each cabinet  
8 area shall consist of executive agencies, boards, commissions, or  
9 institutions with similar programmatic or administrative objectives.  
10 One cabinet area shall consist of the Oklahoma Department of  
11 Veterans Affairs, its institutions and other executive agencies,  
12 boards, commissions and institutions which are related to veterans.  
13 One cabinet area shall consist of all the functions of all executive  
14 agencies, boards, commissions and institutions related to Native  
15 American issues and state and tribal relations. The Governor's  
16 cabinet shall be in effect until the Legislature supersedes each  
17 specific cabinet area or department by providing by law for specific  
18 cabinet areas or departments, or removes by law the authority of the  
19 Governor to create a cabinet area. At any time during the  
20 Governor's term of office, the cabinet may be modified at the sole  
21 discretion of the Governor subject to Senate confirmation as  
22 provided by subsection B of this section.

23 B. The Governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of  
24 the Senate, a Secretary to head each cabinet area. The Secretary

1 appointee for the cabinet area consisting of the Oklahoma Department  
2 of Veterans Affairs and other related veterans entities shall be an  
3 honorably discharged veteran and be eligible to receive benefits  
4 from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. The  
5 Secretary for the cabinet area consisting of the areas of  
6 responsibility related to Native American issues and state and  
7 tribal relations shall be the Oklahoma Native American Liaison  
8 appointed pursuant to Section 1207 of this title. A cabinet  
9 Secretary may be appointed as a position funded by the Office of the  
10 Governor from funds available to that office, or appointed as a  
11 cabinet Secretary from among the agency heads within the cabinet  
12 area. The cabinet Secretaries shall:

- 13 1. Advise the Governor of any policy changes or problems within  
14 the area they represent;
- 15 2. Advise the entities represented of any policy changes or  
16 problems as directed by the Governor; and
- 17 3. Coordinate information gathering for the Legislature as  
18 requested.

19 C. The cabinet Secretaries shall serve at the pleasure of the  
20 Governor, however, the appointment or removal of a cabinet Secretary  
21 who is also an agency head shall not otherwise affect the status of  
22 the other duties of the agency head. Whenever a Secretary position  
23 becomes vacant, the Governor shall appoint a successor within thirty  
24 (30) calendar days pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of

1 this section. If the Legislature is not in session at the time of  
2 appointment it shall be subject to the advice and consent of the  
3 Senate upon convening of the next regular session of the  
4 Legislature.

5 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 10.5, is  
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 10.5 Notwithstanding other limits established by law,  
8 the following cabinet Secretaries may be annually compensated for  
9 their services, payable monthly, as follows:

10 1. The Secretary of Human Resources and Administration may  
11 receive a maximum salary of ~~Seventy Five Thousand Dollars~~  
12 ~~(\$75,000.00)~~ Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000.00);

13 2. The Secretary of Agriculture may receive a maximum salary of  
14 Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00);

15 3. The Secretary of Commerce and Tourism may receive a maximum  
16 salary of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00);

17 4. The Secretary of Education may receive a maximum salary of  
18 Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00);

19 5. The Secretary of Energy may receive a maximum salary of  
20 Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000.00);

21 6. The Secretary of Finance and Administration may receive a  
22 maximum salary of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000.00);

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1           7. The Secretary of Health and the Secretary of Human Services  
2 may receive a maximum salary of Eighty Thousand Dollars  
3 (\$80,000.00);

4           8. The Secretary of Safety and Security may receive a maximum  
5 salary of Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00);

6           9. The Secretary of State may receive a maximum salary of  
7 Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00). However, if the Secretary  
8 of State is designated as a cabinet Secretary, the salary of the  
9 Secretary of State may be increased to an amount not to exceed the  
10 highest salary provided for a cabinet Secretary pursuant to this  
11 section; ~~and~~

12           10. The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may receive a maximum  
13 salary of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00); and

14           11. The Secretary of Native American Affairs may receive a  
15 maximum salary of Sixty-five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00).

16           SECTION 3.           AMENDATORY           74 O.S. 2011, Section 1207, as  
17 amended by Section 1, Chapter 299, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2012,  
18 Section 1207), is amended to read as follows:

19           Section 1207. A. The State of Oklahoma recognizes the status  
20 of the federally recognized tribal governments residing in the  
21 geographical boundaries of the state as sovereign nations and the  
22 state recognizes the need for further cooperation between the state  
23 and the tribes and their citizens and the importance of the  
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1 government-to-government relationship between the state and the  
2 tribes.

3 B. There is hereby created the position of Oklahoma Native  
4 American Liaison who shall be appointed by the Governor. The  
5 Oklahoma Native American Liaison ~~may~~ shall also serve as the  
6 Secretary of Native American Affairs or a successor cabinet position  
7 and shall have jurisdictional areas of responsibility related to  
8 Native American issues and state and tribal relations. The first  
9 Oklahoma Native American Liaison shall be appointed no later than  
10 December 1, 2012.

11 C. Any person appointed to the position of Oklahoma Native  
12 American Liaison shall be a member or citizen of a federally  
13 recognized American Indian tribe or nation that has its primary  
14 tribal headquarters located in Oklahoma and shall have valid proof  
15 of membership or citizenship.

16 D. The salary and any other expenses for the Oklahoma Native  
17 American Liaison shall be budgeted as a separate line item through  
18 the Governor. The Governor shall provide adequate office space,  
19 equipment and support necessary to enable the Oklahoma Native  
20 American Liaison to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the  
21 position.

22 E. The Oklahoma Native American Liaison shall:  
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1           1. Have the powers and duties over Native American issues and  
2 state and tribal relation areas designated to the position by the  
3 Governor;

4           2. Monitor all compacts, including gaming, tobacco, and motor  
5 vehicle fuel compacts, entered into by the state and political  
6 subdivisions with federally recognized Indian tribal governments  
7 within this state;

8           3. Coordinate with the Office of Tribal Relations within the  
9 Oklahoma Historical Society on the gathering, preserving and  
10 maintaining of all compacts and agreements between federally  
11 recognized Indian tribal governments and the state and political  
12 subdivisions and all related records, documents and materials;

13           4. Monitor state agency consultation policies with tribal  
14 governments;

15           5. Monitor the interactions of state agencies with tribal  
16 governments;

17           6. Provide coordination between tribes and state agencies for  
18 any activities of the state agency that will directly affect tribal  
19 governments or their property;

20           7. Inform tribes about ongoing or proposed state programs that  
21 will affect tribal governments or their property;

22           8. Coordinate with tribal governments to determine priorities  
23 of interest for possible cooperation between the various agencies  
24 and the tribal governments;

1 9. Inform tribes on funding opportunities through partnerships  
2 with state agencies to address locally determined priorities of  
3 interest agreed to by both the state and tribal governments;

4 10. Ensure continuing outreach to tribes and shall establish  
5 and maintain relationships with tribes and tribal organizations; and

6 11. Make an annual report on the interaction between the state  
7 and state agencies and tribal governments and shall submit the  
8 report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
9 and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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

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15 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT, dated  
16 02/20/2014 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.

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