

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 396

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Attorney General; amending 25
8 O.S. 2011, Section 1501, which relates to powers of
9 Human Rights Commission; transferring certain duties
10 to Attorney General; updating statutory reference;
11 modifying certain powers; and providing an effective
12 date.

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

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 25 O.S. 2011, Section 1501, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1501. A. Within the limitations provided by law, the
17 ~~Human Rights Commission~~ Attorney General has the following
18 additional powers:

19 1. To promote the creation of local commissions on human
20 rights, and to contract with individuals and state, local and other
21 agencies, both public and private, including agencies of the federal
22 government and of other states;

23 2. To accept public grants or private gifts, bequests, or other
24 payments;

1 3. To receive, investigate, seek to conciliate, hold hearings
2 on, and pass upon complaints alleging violations of ~~this act~~ 1101 et
3 seq. of this title;

4 4. To furnish technical assistance requested by persons subject
5 to ~~this act~~ 1101 et seq. of this title to further compliance with
6 the act or an order issued thereunder;

7 5. To make provisions for technical and clerical assistance to
8 an advisory committee or committees appointed in accordance with
9 subsection (b) of Section 953 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes;

10 6. To require answers to interrogatories, under the procedures
11 established by Section ~~3210~~ 3233 of Title 12 of the Oklahoma
12 Statutes, issue subpoenas, compel the attendance of witnesses,
13 examine witnesses under oath or affirmation, and require the
14 production of documents in connection with the investigation of
15 complaints filed under ~~this act~~ 1101 et seq. of this title, ~~said~~
16 such powers to be exercised only in relation to areas directly and
17 materially related to the complaint. The ~~Commission~~ Attorney
18 General may make rules authorizing ~~any member or~~ a hearing examiner
19 ~~designated by order~~ to pass upon a complaint after a hearing under
20 Section 1503 of this title, and such decision must be approved in
21 writing by ~~a majority of the membership of the Commission~~ the
22 Attorney General or his or her designee;

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1 7. To ~~hear, and issue orders on,~~ investigate complaints
2 involving state government agencies and departments on the same
3 basis as complaints involving private employers; and

4 8. To provide technical assistance and public information to
5 assist in preventing and eliminating discriminatory housing
6 practices.

7 B. The ~~Commission~~ Attorney General shall:

8 1. At least annually, publish a written report recommending
9 legislative or other action to carry out the purposes of ~~this act~~
10 1101 et seq. of this title as it relates to housing discrimination;

11 2. Make studies relating to the nature and extent of
12 discriminatory housing practices in this state; and

13 3. Cooperate with and, as appropriate, may provide technical
14 and other assistance to federal, state, local, and other public or
15 private entities that are formulating or operating programs to
16 prevent or eliminate discriminatory housing practices.

17 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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