

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB2652</b>
<b>Version:</b>	<b>CCS</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>Pending</b>

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The Conference Committee Substitute (CCS) for HB2652, restores the Title on the measure and amends the composition of the Workers' Compensation Court (OWCC) to be eight judges, instead of ten, requiring five of the judges to be permanently assigned to Oklahoma City and three of the judges to be permanently assigned to Tulsa.

The CCS expands the terms of the OWCC judges to be eight years, instead of the current six-year terms. OWCC judges shall be eligible to reapply to serve on the court for an additional term, after at least three years have passed. The CCS allows judges currently serving on the OWCC to be eligible for an initial 8-year term upon expiration of their current term.

The CCS requires the advice and consent of the Senate for gubernatorial nominations to the OWCC. If the Senate fails to confirm within 90 days, the Governor is authorized to select from the two remaining nominees or request additional nominees from the Judicial Nominating Commission. Supreme Court appointments will also require the approval of the Senate.

The CCS requires OWCC judges to have at least five years of workers' compensation experience prior to appointment.

The CCS prohibits the closing of the Tulsa Workers' Compensation Court without the approval of the Legislature.

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