

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 467

By: Simpson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs; amending 72 O.S. 2011, Section 63.3, which relates to the powers and duties of the War Veterans Commission; specifying the Governor shall have the power to appoint the Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs; specifying the Governor shall have the power to fix the salary of the Director; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2011, Section 63.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 63.3. The War Veterans Commission shall perform all acts necessary or proper to afford emergency, temporary and permanent relief and assistance to all honorably discharged ex-service persons of all wars of the United States of America and to their dependents, and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law. The Commission is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, for the operation and maintenance of the Department of Veterans Affairs; provided, however, in all cases priority and preference shall always be given to disabled or diseased ex-service persons.

1 The members of ~~said~~ the Commission shall be reimbursed for necessary
2 travel as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act. In
3 addition to its other powers and duties as herein provided, the
4 Commission shall have the following specific powers and duties which
5 shall, however, not be deemed to be exclusive:

6 1. To organize itself by the election of a Chairman, Vice
7 Chairman and Secretary, who shall perform the duties required of
8 them by the rules and regulations, but shall receive no extra
9 compensation therefor, and to provide for the time and place of
10 meetings of the Commission;

11 2. To ~~appoint the Director of the Department of Veterans~~
12 ~~Affairs and~~ provide for the employment of all such other personnel
13 as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of Sections 63.1
14 through 63.4 of this title, and any other duties prescribed by law.
15 The Governor shall have the power and duty to select a Director,
16 subject to the confirmation of the Senate. The salary and tenure of
17 the Director of the Department shall be determined by the ~~Commission~~
18 Governor; and

19 3. To approve all claims or expenditures from such
20 appropriations as may be made to the Commission prior to the payment
21 thereof except as may be otherwise provided by law.

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