

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3162

By: Hickman

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Judicial Nominating Commission; modifying appointing authority for attorney commissioners; providing initial term for appointments; specifying requirements for attorney commissioners; providing for filling of certain vacancies; vacating terms for current appointed commissioners; directing initial appointments; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1671 of Title 20, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As authorized pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of Section 3 of Article VII-B of the Oklahoma Constitution, six attorney members of the Judicial Nominating Commission shall be appointed as follows:

1 1. Two members, one appointed from Congressional District 1 and
2 one from Congressional District 2 by the President Pro Tempore of
3 the Senate, for an initial term of two (2) years;

4 2. Two members, one appointed from Congressional District 3 and
5 one from Congressional District 4 by the Speaker of the House of
6 Representatives, for an initial term of four (4) years; and

7 3. Two members, one appointed from Congressional District 5 by
8 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and one from Congressional
9 District 6 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, for an
10 initial term of six (6) years.

11 Following expiration of the initial term, the members shall
12 serve for a term of six (6) years. The six attorney members of the
13 Judicial Nominating Commission shall be members of the Oklahoma Bar
14 Association, and shall include one appointee from each congressional
15 district as they existed on the date of the adoption of Section 3 of
16 Article VII-B of the Oklahoma Constitution. Vacancies of any lawyer
17 commissioner shall be filled by the original appointing authority
18 under this section.

19 B. On January 1, 2017, all appointed attorney member positions
20 of the current Judicial Nominating Commission shall be deemed vacant
21 and the terms of such members serving on the Commission shall be
22 deemed terminated. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
23 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make initial
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1 appointments for attorney members of the Commission pursuant to
2 subsection A of this section by February 1, 2017.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 2017.
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