

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
4 FOR

5 HOUSE BILL NO. 3603

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9 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Tourism and  
10 Recreation Department; amending 74 O.S. 2011,  
11 Sections 2203, 2204 and 2206, which relate to the  
12 Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission; making  
13 Commission an advisory body; transferring duties to  
14 the Executive Director; modifying powers and duties  
15 of Commission; authorizing Governor to appoint  
16 Executive Director; providing for determination of  
17 compensation; and providing an effective date.

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

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 2203, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 2203. A. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation  
24 Commission shall be an advisory body to the Executive Director of  
the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and shall consist of  
eight (8) members who shall serve a term of six (6) years.  
Effective January 14, 2019, all duties and powers of the Commission  
shall be transferred to the Executive Director. Any provision in

1 statute that provides to the Commission authority that is not  
2 advisory in nature shall be deemed to grant the duty or power to the  
3 Executive Director. No more than one Commission member shall be  
4 from any one county. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as an ex  
5 officio voting member of the Commission.

6 B. One member shall be appointed from each congressional  
7 district, who shall be a resident and a qualified elector in the  
8 district from which appointed, and the remaining members shall be  
9 appointed from the state at large. If congressional districts are  
10 redrawn each member appointed shall complete the current term of  
11 office at which time a new appointment shall be made in compliance  
12 with the redrawn congressional district.

13 C. Commission members shall be appointed by the Governor, with  
14 the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall serve at the  
15 pleasure of the Governor. Whenever a vacancy on the Commission  
16 occurs by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor shall fill  
17 the same by appointment, with the advice and consent of the Senate,  
18 and the appointee shall hold office during the unexpired term. Each  
19 member shall hold office until a successor has been appointed and  
20 qualified. ~~Five members of the Commission shall constitute a~~  
21 ~~quorum, and the vote of the majority of members present shall be~~  
22 ~~necessary for any action to be taken by the Commission. No vacancy~~  
23 ~~in the membership of the Commission shall impair the rights of a~~  
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~~quorum to exercise and perform all the rights and duties of the Commission.~~

D. With the exception of the ex officio, no member of the Commission shall seek election to a federal, state, or county office while serving on the Commission.

~~E. Each member of the Commission, before serving on the Commission, shall take and subscribe to the constitutional and statutory oaths of office and file said oaths with the Secretary of State. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for travel expenses to Commission meetings as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~

~~F. The Commission shall be organized by the Governor who shall appoint from the Commission the Chair, the Vice Chair, and the Secretary. The Commission is authorized and directed to adopt rules pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act to execute the powers and duties of the Commission and Department.~~

~~G. The Commission may meet monthly and shall meet at least quarterly. The Commission may meet at such other times as it deems necessary for effectively performing its duties and responsibilities. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by any three members of the Commission. The meetings of the Commission shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.~~

~~H. The Commission is hereby declared to be a governmental agency and instrumentality of the State of Oklahoma with authority~~

1 ~~to exercise, in addition to those it now has, the rights, privileges~~  
2 ~~and functions hereinafter specified.~~

3 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 2204, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 Section 2204. There are hereby granted to and imposed in the  
6 ~~Commission, and in any commission or body which may hereafter~~  
7 ~~succeed to the powers, rights and duties of the Commission,~~ Oklahoma  
8 Tourism and Recreation Department the following additional powers,  
9 rights and duties:

10 1. Sue and be sued;

11 2. Adopt, use, and alter an official seal;

12 3. Make bylaws for the management and regulation of its  
13 affairs;

14 4. Appoint, prescribe the duties, and fix the compensation for  
15 officers, agents, and employees;

16 5. Make contracts and execute instruments as in the judgment of  
17 the ~~Commission~~ Department are necessary or convenient to the  
18 exercise of the powers conferred upon it by law; and

19 6. Promulgate rules and policies necessary and convenient to  
20 the exercise of the powers conferred upon it by law.

21 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 2206, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 2206. The chief executive officer of the Oklahoma  
24 Tourism and Recreation Department shall be the Executive Director,

1 who shall be appointed by the ~~Commission~~ Governor, with the advice  
2 and consent of the Senate, and who shall serve at the pleasure of  
3 ~~said Commission~~ the Governor and may be removed or replaced without  
4 cause. The Executive Director shall be chosen with regard to  
5 knowledge, training, experience, and ability to administer the  
6 functions of the Department. ~~The Commission shall establish the~~  
7 ~~salary of the~~ Compensation for the Executive Director shall be  
8 determined pursuant to Section 3601.2 of this title.

9 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective January 14, 2019.

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