

SENATE CHAMBER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

DISPOSITION

☐ FLOOR AMENDMENT

No. _____

☐ COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

(Date)

Mr./Madame President:

I move to amend House Bill No. 1377, by substituting the attached floor substitute for the title, enacting clause and entire body of the measure.

Submitted by:

Senator Pugh

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☐ Untimely

☐ Amendment Cycle Extended

☐ Secondary Amendment

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

FOR ENGROSSED

HOUSE BILL NO. 1377

By: Watson and Pfeiffer of the
House

and

Pugh of the Senate

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

[Oklahoma Corporation Commission - creating the
Twenty-first Century Corporation Commission Task
Force - codification -

emergency]

~~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 850 of Title 17, unless there is
created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created the "Twenty-first Century
Corporation Commission Review".

B. The Review Committee shall consist of seven (7) members as
follows:

1. One member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives
appointed by the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives;

1 2. One member of the Oklahoma Senate appointed by the President
2 Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate;

3 3. A member of the Oklahoma Corporation appointed by a vote of
4 the three Commissioners;

5 4. The Attorney General, or a designee from the Office of the
6 Attorney General;

7 5. The State Treasurer, or a designee from the Office of the
8 State Treasurer;

9 6. The Governor, or a designee from the Office of the Governor;
10 and

11 7. The Secretary of Energy and Environment of the State of
12 Oklahoma, who shall serve as Chair of the Review Committee.

13 C. A study shall be performed to determine if the Oklahoma
14 Corporation Commission is properly structured to efficiently operate
15 in the twenty-first century. Such study shall include but not be
16 limited to an assessment of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission
17 related to the following issues:

18 1. A performance assessment, addressing:

19 a. current workload levels,

20 b. time required to process workload and individual
21 cases; and

22 2. A structural assessment, addressing:

23 a. the makeup of the Commission and the impact of the
24 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act requirements,

- b. trends related to terms of office,
- c. the appropriateness of the current number of Commissioners,
- d. the effectiveness of the Corporation Commission's internal structure, and
- e. whether the Commission should be appointed, elected or a combination thereof;

3. An assessment of the stated mission, addressing:

- a. accuracy in light of modern day agency functions,
- b. appropriateness and necessity of current duties, and
- c. if performance of certain functions are better suited to other agencies;

4. A funding assessment, addressing:

- a. whether the agency is properly funded,
- b. the current funding mechanisms available, and
- c. funding gaps within individual programs; and

5. A staffing assessment, addressing:

- a. if the agency is properly staffed to meet its mission,
- b. if the staffing structure of the agency is efficient, and
- c. if the staff has the autonomy and accountability needed to perform their duties.

D. The Review Committee shall hold an organizational meeting not later than September 1, 2017. In furtherance of performing the

1 assessment of the issues listed in subsection C of this section, the
2 Review Committee may seek input from stakeholders, including the
3 various businesses regulated by the Corporation Commission, such as
4 representatives from the oil and gas, telecommunications,
5 transportation, electric utilities, natural gas pipeline, natural
6 gas local distribution companies and others involved in processes at
7 the Corporation Commission including consumer groups, individual
8 citizens, industrial associations, corporation commission staff and
9 all others that would like to participate.

10 E. The Review Committee may conduct business without a quorum
11 of its membership being present, but a quorum shall be required to
12 be present for purposes of adoption of the final report of the
13 Review Committee.

14 F. The Review Committee may request the assistance of any state
15 agency, board, commission, department or other entity of state
16 government to acquire relevant information for purposes of the
17 study.

18 G. The Review Committee shall develop a final report with
19 specific recommendations and transmit the report not later than
20 September 1, 2018, to the Governor, the Speaker of the Oklahoma
21 House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the
22 Oklahoma State Senate.

23 H. Each member of the Review Committee shall serve without
24 compensation.

1 I. The Review Committee shall terminate effective the day
2 following the transmission of the report required by subsection G of
3 this section.

4 ~~SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation~~
5 ~~of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby~~
6 ~~declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and~~
7 ~~be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

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