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February 7, 2017

By: Sykes

An Act relating to the Judicial Nominating Commission; modifying appointing authority for certain commissioners; specifying requirements for certain commissioners; providing for filling of certain vacancies; terminating certain terms; directing certain 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, three attorney members of the Judicial Nominating Commission shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and three attorney members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The six attorney members of the Judicial Nominating Commission shall be licensed to practice law in this state and shall include at least one appointee from each congressional district. Vacancies of any attorney commissioner

1 shall be filled by the original appointing authority under this
2 section.

3 B. On the effective date of this act, all appointed attorney
4 member positions of the current Judicial Nominating Commission shall
5 be deemed vacant and the terms of such members serving on the
6 Commission shall be deemed terminated. The President Pro Tempore of
7 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
8 make initial appointments for attorney members of the Commission
9 pursuant to subsection A of this section within thirty (30) days of
10 the effective date of this act.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective in accordance with
12 the provisions of Section 58 of Article V of the Oklahoma
13 Constitution.

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
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