

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 355

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Spring Cleaning Commission;
8 creating Commission; providing for duties,
9 membership, organization, and staffing; requiring
10 review of state governmental areas; providing for
11 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 4 of Title 75, unless there is
15 created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16 A. There is hereby created the Spring Cleaning Commission
17 within the legislative branch of state government to continue until
18 November 1, 2023. The Commission shall have the duty to:

19 1. Identify outdated, redundant, unnecessary or obsolete state
20 laws;

21 2. Identify titles of law that are poorly organized due to
22 repeated amendment or other reason;

23 3. Identify sections of law that are written in archaic
24 language;

1 4. Identify bureaucratic procedures or structures in state law
2 that should be streamlined; and

3 5. Develop recommendations to implement its suggested changes,
4 including but not limited to repeal of or amendment to the Oklahoma
5 Constitution, statutes, administrative rules and agency policies.

6 B. The Commission shall be composed of eight (8) former members
7 of the Legislature who are not registered legislative or executive
8 lobbyists or employees of this state, four each appointed by the
9 President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
10 Representatives.

11 C. The Commission shall be constituted by December 1, 2017, and
12 initial appointments shall be made by that date.

13 D. By mutual agreement of the President Pro Tempore of the
14 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the
15 Commission may be directed at any time to focus its efforts on
16 certain titles of law, or any other purpose in keeping with the
17 spirit of this section. The Commission may also choose, with
18 agreement from a majority of five members, to explore areas of law
19 not directed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the
20 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

21 E. The Commission shall deliver reports to the President Pro
22 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
23 Representatives as requested or as deemed appropriate by the Chair
24 of the Commission. A majority of five members of the Commission

1 must give its approval to any formal recommendation of the
2 Commission, but the Chair may deliver to the President Pro Tempore
3 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives any
4 findings the Chair deems appropriate.

5 F. The members of the Commission shall serve at the pleasure of
6 the appointing authority and shall continue to serve until a
7 successor is appointed. No member of the Commission shall serve
8 more than six (6) years.

9 G. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission shall be selected
10 by the Commission from among the members.

11 H. A quorum of the Commission shall consist of five (5) members
12 and shall be required for any final action by the Commission.

13 I. Staff support for the Commission shall be provided by the
14 Senate and the House of Representatives. Nothing in this section
15 shall preclude the Commission from requesting and utilizing the
16 assistance and expertise of nonmembers.

17 J. The Commission shall set its own meeting schedule and be
18 subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

19 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2017.

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