

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 725

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 2203, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 2018 (74 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 2203), which relates to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission; modifying certain appointment authority; establishing requirement for a quorum; modifying structure of the Commission; establishing certain requirements for Commission members; establishing that the Governor shall organize the Commission; specifying that the Commission shall meet at least quarterly; providing for special meetings; stating that members of the Commission are subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; establishing the Commission as a governmental agency and instrument of the State of Oklahoma; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 2203, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 2018 (74 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 2203), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2203. A. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Commission shall be an advisory body to the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and shall consist of

1 eight (8) members who shall serve a term of six (6) years.

2 ~~Effective January 14, 2019, all duties and powers of the Commission~~  
3 ~~shall be transferred to the Executive Director. Any provision in~~  
4 ~~statute that provides to the Commission authority that is not~~  
5 ~~advisory in nature shall be deemed to grant the duty or power to the~~  
6 ~~Executive Director. No more than one Commission member shall be~~  
7 ~~from any one county.~~ The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as an ex  
8 officio voting member of the Commission.

9 B. One member shall be appointed from each congressional  
10 district, who shall be a resident and a qualified elector in the  
11 district from which appointed, and the remaining members shall be  
12 appointed from the state at large. If congressional districts are  
13 redrawn each member appointed shall complete the current term of  
14 office at which time a new appointment shall be made in compliance  
15 with the redrawn congressional district. The Governor shall appoint  
16 to the Commission two members of not-for-profit organizations that  
17 promote long-term development and marketing of destinations in  
18 Oklahoma with populations of more than three hundred thousand  
19 (300,000). One member shall represent an organization in the  
20 eastern part of the state. One member shall represent an  
21 organization in the central part of the state. The Governor shall  
22 appoint to the Commission one member who is a representative of a  
23 Native American tribe. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as a  
24 permanent voting member of the Commission.

1 C. Commission members shall be appointed by the Governor, with  
2 the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall serve at the  
3 pleasure of the Governor. Whenever a vacancy on the Commission  
4 occurs by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor shall fill  
5 the same by appointment, with the advice and consent of the Senate,  
6 and the appointee shall hold office during the unexpired term. Each  
7 member shall hold office until a successor has been appointed and  
8 qualified. Five members of the Commission shall constitute a  
9 quorum, and the vote of the majority of members present shall be  
10 necessary for any action to be taken by the Commission. No vacancy  
11 in the membership of the Commission shall impair the rights of a  
12 quorum to exercise and perform all the rights and duties of the  
13 Commission.

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

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

23 F. The Commission shall be organized by the Governor who shall  
24 appoint from the Commission the chair, the vice chair and the

1 secretary. The Commission is authorized and directed to adopt rules  
2 pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act to  
3 execute the powers and duties of the Commission and Department.

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

10 H. The Commission is hereby declared to be a governmental  
11 agency and instrumentality of the State of Oklahoma with authority  
12 to exercise, in addition to those it now has, the rights, privileges  
13 and functions herein specified.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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