

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 414

By: Garvin

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 666, which relates to the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women; modifying composition of certain commission; modifying term of office for certain appointees; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 666, is amended to read as follows:

A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. The Commission shall consist of ~~thirty (30)~~ thirteen (13) members. The members shall be appointed as follows: ~~ten members appointed by the Governor, ten members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and ten members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.~~

1. One member of the Senate, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

2. One member of the House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

1       3. One member who represents the general public from a  
2 community with a population greater than fifty thousand (50,000),  
3 appointed by the Governor;

4       4. One member who represents the general public from a  
5 community with a population between ten thousand (10,000) and forty-  
6 nine thousand nine hundred ninety-nine (49,999), appointed by the  
7 Governor;

8       5. One member who represents the general public from a  
9 community with a population under nine thousand nine hundred ninety-  
10 nine (9,999), appointed by the Governor;

11       6. One member who represents the healthcare community, who  
12 specializes in women's health, appointed by the President Pro  
13 Tempore of the Senate;

14       7. One member who represents the post-secondary education  
15 community, who represents career tech education or higher education,  
16 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

17       8. One member who represents the behavioral health community  
18 and works specifically with individuals who have a history of or are  
19 currently battling substance abuse or addiction, appointed by the  
20 Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse  
21 Services;

22       9. One member who represents the Department of Corrections,  
23 appointed by the Director of the Department of Corrections;  
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1        10. One member who works with victims of domestic violence,  
2 human trafficking, stalking, or sexual assault, appointed by the  
3 Director of the District Attorneys Council;

4        11. One member who represents the education community and  
5 represents K-12 education, appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
6 the Senate;

7        12. One member who represents the Oklahoma Department of  
8 Commerce, appointed by the Executive Director of the Oklahoma  
9 Department of Commerce; and

10       13. One member who represents active military members,  
11 veterans, and military members of the reserves and national guard,  
12 appointed by the Governor.

13       All members shall be appointed by the appropriate appointing  
14 authority for a term of ~~five (5)~~ three (3) years commencing with the  
15 date that the previous appointee's term expired. In making such  
16 appointments to the Commission, consideration shall be given to  
17 making the membership broadly representative of the geographic areas  
18 of the state and the several racial, religious and ethnic groups  
19 residing in the state. Each member shall hold office until the  
20 successor of the member is appointed and has qualified. A member of  
21 the Commission may be removed by the appropriate appointing  
22 authority for cause. A member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring  
23 before the expiration of a term of a member separated from the  
24 Commission for any cause shall be appointed for the remainder of the

1 term of the member whose office has been so vacated. Members of the  
2 Commission shall receive no salary, but shall be entitled to travel  
3 reimbursement as provided by the State Travel Reimbursement Act,  
4 Section 500.1 et seq. of this title, from funds available to the  
5 appropriate appointing authority.

6 B. A member appointed pursuant to the provisions of this act  
7 shall be appointed by the appointing agency no later than January 1,  
8 2024. Any members appointed before November 1, 2023, shall serve  
9 the remainder of their terms.

10 C. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall  
11 provide staff support to the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of  
12 Women.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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