

**BILL SUMMARY**  
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<b>Bill No.:</b>	<b>HB 1080</b>
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<b>Impact:</b>	<b>No impact</b>

**Research Analysis**

The floor amendment to HB 1080 provides that members of the Commission will be appointed by their appointing authority with advice and consent of the Senate.

HB 1080 amends the appointment process for the Oklahoma Veterans Commission, requiring the list of qualified persons to serve as Commission members to be submitted to the appointing authority. The members will serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority and may be removed and replaced without cause. When there is a vacancy, the organization will submit a list of names to the appointing authority from which to choose. Any Commission member will be prohibited from voting on an issue in which they have a direct financial interest. Each must submit a financial disclosure form and military history records within 30 days of their appointment. The amended appointments are as follows:

- The Governor will name one member from the National Guard Association of Oklahoma and one at-large member, one of which must be a veteran of the Persian Gulf Wars;
- The Lieutenant Governor will name one member from the Paralyzed Veterans of America;
- The Attorney General will name one member from the Veterans of Foreign Wars;
- The Labor Commissioner will name one member from the Disabled American Veterans
- The Speaker of the House will name one member from the Military Order of the Purple Heart and one at-large member, one of which must be a veteran of the Vietnam Conflict; and
- The President Pro Tempore of the Senate will name one member of the American Legion and one at-large member, one of which must be a veteran of the Persian Gulf Wars.

Terms for present members will terminate at the effective date of this act and the organizations involved have 30 days to submit lists of qualified persons after which the appointing authority has 30 days to make their choice. Appointing authorities will have 60 days to appoint members at-large.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

As written, the measure is not expected to result in a negative fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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**Other Considerations**

None.

