

BILL SUMMARY
2nd Session of the 59th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB1697
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Impact:	Please see previous summary of this measure

Research Analysis

Floor amendment 1 to SB1697 establishes quorum requirements for the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) to take any official action. The quorum must be made of at least eight member, of which three must be appointees of the Oklahoma Bar Association (OBA) and five from the other appointing authorities.

The measure further prohibits a majority of the six OBA appointees of the JNC from being registered voters of the same political party.

The measure also establish guidelines for JNC members to recuse themselves or disclose a familial, business, community, civil, professional or social relationship when considering an applicant for judicial office. Any member of the JNC that has contributed to the political campaign of a person who is an applicant for judicial office must also recuse themselves from any deliberations regarding the applicant.

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Fiscal Analysis

The measure is currently under review and impact information will be completed.

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Other Considerations

None.