

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1407

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Sections 666, 669, and 669.1, which relate to the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women; directing the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to coordinate staff support with the Commission; granting the Commission the ability to manage personnel in coordination with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services; changing process for the dispersal of funds from the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women Revolving Fund; updating statutory language; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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:

Section 666. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women. The Commission shall consist of thirty (30) 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. All members shall be appointed by the appropriate appointing authority for a term of five

1 (5) years commencing with the date that the previous appointee's
2 term expired. In making such appointments to the Commission,
3 consideration shall be given to making the membership broadly
4 representative of the geographic areas of the state and the several
5 racial, religious, and ethnic groups residing in the state. Each
6 member shall hold office until the successor of the member is
7 appointed and has qualified. A member of the Commission may be
8 removed by the appropriate appointing authority for cause. A member
9 appointed to fill a vacancy occurring before the expiration of a
10 term of a member separated from the Commission for any cause shall
11 be appointed for the remainder of the term of the member whose
12 office has been so vacated. Members of the Commission shall receive
13 no salary, but shall be entitled to travel reimbursement as provided
14 by the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of this
15 title, from funds available to the appropriate appointing authority.

16 B. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall
17 ~~provide~~ coordinate with the Commission to provide staff support ~~to~~
18 ~~the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women.~~

19 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 669, is
20 amended to read as follows:

21 Section 669. The Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women
22 shall have the power and the duty to:
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1 1. Advise on equity issues relating to gender bias, state
2 agencies and employees, communities, organizations, and businesses
3 of this state which desire the services of the Commission;

4 2. Monitor legislation as to whether the legislation is
5 discriminatory toward one gender or whether the gender of an
6 individual would have an effect on the enforcement of the
7 legislation;

8 3. Act as a resource and a clearinghouse for research on issues
9 related to women and gender bias;

10 4. Conduct meetings and seminars within the state as
11 appropriate to support the goals and duties of the Commission; and

12 5. Evaluate and manage personnel in coordination with the
13 Office of Management and Enterprise Services to carry out the duties
14 of the Commission; and

15 6. Report to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the
16 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of its
17 activities. The report ~~recommendations~~ may include recommendations
18 concerning needed legislation or regulatory changes relating to
19 equity and gender bias.

20 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 669.1, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 669.1. There is hereby created in the State Treasury a
23 revolving fund for the Office of Management and Enterprise Services
24 designated the "Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women Revolving
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1 Fund". The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal
2 year limitations, and shall consist of all monies raised by the
3 Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women and all gifts and
4 donations contributed to support the work of the ~~Oklahoma~~ Commission
5 ~~on the Status of Women~~. All monies accrued to the credit of the
6 fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the
7 Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services ~~on~~
8 ~~behalf of the Oklahoma~~ as directed by the Commission ~~on the Status~~
9 ~~of Women~~ for the purposes prescribed by the Legislature in creating
10 the Commission. Expenditures from the fund shall be made upon
11 warrants issued by the State Treasurer against claims filed as
12 prescribed by law with the Director of the Office of Management and
13 Enterprise Services for approval and payment.

14 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

15 SECTION 5. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
16 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
17 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
18 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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