

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

SENATE BILL 859

By: Bullard

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section 150.3, which relates to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Commission; modifying provisions related to appointment of Commission members; stating term length; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 150.3, is amended to read as follows:

Section 150.3. A. 1. There is hereby created an Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation Commission which shall consist of seven (7) members, not more than two of whom shall be from the same congressional district. When congressional districts are redrawn, each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall complete the current term of office and appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn

1 districts. No appointments may be made after July 1 of the year in  
2 which such modification becomes effective if such appointment would  
3 result in more than two members serving from the same modified  
4 district.

5 2. The members shall be appointed ~~by the Governor and confirmed~~  
6 ~~by the Senate and shall be removable only for cause, as provided by~~  
7 ~~law for the removal of officers not subject to impeachment. The~~  
8 ~~term of office of each member shall be seven (7) years. The first~~  
9 ~~appointments shall be for the following terms as designated by the~~  
10 ~~Governor: one member for a term of one (1) year; one member for a~~  
11 ~~term of two (2) years; one member for a term of three (3) years; one~~  
12 ~~member for a term of four (4) years; one member for a term of five~~  
13 ~~(5) years; one member for a term of six (6) years; and one member~~  
14 ~~for a term of seven (7) years as follows:~~

15 a. one chief of police, while serving in such capacity,  
16 appointed by the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of  
17 Police,

18 b. one sheriff, while serving in such capacity, appointed  
19 by the Oklahoma Sheriffs' Association,

20 c. one district attorney, while serving in such capacity,  
21 appointed by the District Attorneys Council,

22 d. one member appointed by the Attorney General,

23 e. one member appointed by the Governor,

- 1           f. one member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of  
2           the Senate, and  
3           g. one member appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
4           Representatives.

5           Each member shall serve for a term of two (2) years. A member  
6 may serve more than one term on the Commission. Each member shall  
7 continue to serve so long as the member is qualified and until a  
8 successor has been appointed ~~and confirmed by the Senate~~. Vacancies  
9 occurring during a term shall be filled for the unexpired portion of  
10 the term by the same procedure used to make the regular  
11 appointments.

12           ~~B. Four of the members shall represent the lay citizenry, one~~  
13 ~~member shall be a district attorney while serving in that capacity,~~  
14 ~~one member shall be a sheriff while serving in that capacity, and~~  
15 ~~one member shall be a chief of police while serving in that~~  
16 ~~capacity; provided that the sheriff and police chief members shall~~  
17 ~~have successfully completed an approved course of instruction for~~  
18 ~~peace officers as required by law.~~

19           ~~C.~~ Annually the Commission shall select one of the Commission  
20 members to serve as chair and one member to serve as vice-chair.  
21 The Commission shall meet at least quarterly. The chair shall  
22 preside at all meetings of the Commission and shall have the power  
23 to call meetings of the Commission. In addition, meetings of the  
24 Commission may be called by a majority of the members. The vice-

1 chair shall perform these functions in the absence or incapacity of  
2 the chair. A quorum of four members of the Commission shall be  
3 necessary to conduct any official business. All actions taken by  
4 the Commission shall be by a simple majority vote of a quorum. In  
5 the event of a tie vote, the measure being voted upon shall be  
6 deemed to have failed.

7 The Commission shall adopt rules of procedure for the orderly  
8 performance of its functions.

9 ~~D.~~ C. Members of the Commission shall serve without salary but  
10 may be reimbursed for travel and other expenses in attending  
11 meetings and performing their duties in the manner provided for  
12 other state officers and employees under the State Travel  
13 Reimbursement Act. The lay-citizen members shall be paid Thirty  
14 Dollars (\$30.00) per diem for attendance at meetings of the  
15 Commission. No other provisions of law shall be construed as  
16 prohibiting public officers from also serving as members of the  
17 Commission, nor shall any other provisions of law be construed as  
18 prohibiting public officers or public employees from performing  
19 services for the Commission without compensation. It is further  
20 provided that no town, city, county or other subdivision or other  
21 agency of state government shall be prohibited from receiving a  
22 grant or from benefiting from grants or expenditures of the  
23 Commission for the reason that an officer or employee of such town,  
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1 city, county, or other subdivision or agency of state government is  
2 a Commission member or employee.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2025.  
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