

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 57th Legislature (2019)

3 SENATE BILL NO. 725

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
8 2011, Section 2203, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
9 187, O.S.L. 2018 (74 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 2203),
10 which relates to the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
11 Commission; modifying certain appointment authority;
12 establishing requirement for a quorum; modifying
13 structure of the Commission; establishing certain
14 requirements for Commission members; establishing
15 that the Governor shall organize the Commission;
16 specifying that the Commission shall meet at least
17 quarterly; providing for special meetings; stating
18 that members of the Commission are subject to the
19 Oklahoma Open Meeting Act; establishing the
20 Commission as a governmental agency and instrument of
21 the State of Oklahoma; and providing an effective
22 date.

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

24 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 2203, as
amended by Section 1, Chapter 187, O.S.L. 2018 (74 O.S. Supp. 2018,
Section 2203), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2203. A. The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
Commission shall be an advisory body to the Executive Director of
the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department and shall consist of

1 eight (8) members who shall serve a term of six (6) years.

2 ~~Effective January 14, 2019, all duties and powers of the Commission~~
3 ~~shall be transferred to the Executive Director. Any provision in~~
4 ~~statute that provides to the Commission authority that is not~~
5 ~~advisory in nature shall be deemed to grant the duty or power to the~~
6 ~~Executive Director. No more than one Commission member shall be~~
7 ~~from any one county. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as an ex~~
8 officio voting member of the Commission.

9 B. One member shall be appointed from each congressional
10 district, who shall be a resident and a qualified elector in the
11 district from which appointed, and the remaining members shall be
12 appointed from the state at large. If congressional districts are
13 redrawn each member appointed shall complete the current term of
14 office at which time a new appointment shall be made in compliance
15 with the redrawn congressional district. The Governor shall appoint
16 to the Commission two members of not-for-profit organizations that
17 promote long-term development and marketing of destinations in
18 Oklahoma with populations of more than three hundred thousand
19 (300,000). One member shall represent an organization in the
20 eastern part of the state. One member shall represent an
21 organization in the central part of the state. The Governor shall
22 appoint to the Commission one member who is a representative of a
23 Native American tribe. The Lieutenant Governor shall serve as a
24 permanent voting member of the Commission.

1 C. Commission members shall be appointed by the Governor, with
2 the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall serve at the
3 pleasure of the Governor. Whenever a vacancy on the Commission
4 occurs by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor shall fill
5 the same by appointment, with the advice and consent of the Senate,
6 and the appointee shall hold office during the unexpired term. Each
7 member shall hold office until a successor has been appointed and
8 qualified. Five members of the Commission shall constitute a
9 quorum, and the vote of the majority of members present shall be
10 necessary for any action to be taken by the Commission. No vacancy
11 in the membership of the Commission shall impair the rights of a
12 quorum to exercise and perform all the rights and duties of the
13 Commission.

14 D. ~~With the exception of the ex officio, no~~ No member of the
15 Commission shall seek election to a federal, state, or county office
16 while serving on the Commission.

17 E. Each member of the Commission, before serving on the
18 Commission, shall take and subscribe to the constitutional and
19 statutory oaths of office and file the oaths with the Secretary of
20 State. Members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for travel
21 expenses to Commission meetings as provided in the State Travel
22 Reimbursement Act of the Oklahoma Statutes.

23 F. The Commission shall be organized by the Governor who shall
24 appoint from the Commission the chair, the vice chair and the

1 secretary. The Commission is authorized and directed to adopt rules
2 pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedures Act to
3 execute the powers and duties of the Commission and Department.

4 G. The Commission may meet monthly and shall meet at least
5 quarterly. The Commission may meet at such other times as it deems
6 necessary for effectively performing its duties and
7 responsibilities. Special meetings may be called by the Chair or by
8 any three members of the Commission. The meetings of the Commission
9 shall be subject to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

10 H. The Commission is hereby declared to be a governmental
11 agency and instrumentality of the State of Oklahoma with authority
12 to exercise, in addition to those it now has, the rights, privileges
13 and functions herein specified.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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