

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	SB 457
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Author:	Speaker McCall
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Impact:	ODOT: salary costs of \$5,167, and minimal travel reimbursement costs

Research Analysis

SB 457 changes the appointment criteria for members of the State Transportation Commission. The commission would be made up of a member from each of eight districts in the state, plus an at-large member. The Governor would be authorized to appoint members from four of the districts as well as the at-large member. The Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate would each be authorized to appoint two members. Each member would serve at the pleasure of their appointing authority. The measure places the Director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) on the Commission as an ex officio member, replacing the Governor. Members would be prohibited from voting on any issue in which they have a direct financial interest, and would receive an annual salary.

The bill further changes appointment criteria for the Director of ODOT, making the position an appointment of the Governor and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. The Director could also be removed by a 2/3 vote of each chamber of the Legislature.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 457 in its current form modifies the appointing authority for the State Transportation Commission and adds an additional member to the Commission. Transportation Commissioners receive annual salaries of \$4,800 per year and travel reimbursement. The addition of a ninth Commissioner will have the following impact on ODOT:

- Salary cost of \$5,167, (\$4,800 in direct salary plus related FICA of \$367), and
- Minimal travel reimbursement.

The measure also modifies the appointing authority for the ODOT Director, as well as, the process by which the Director's salary is to be fixed. The measure does not directly establish the salary of the Director. It is unknown whether the new process will result in increases or decreases in the Director's salary for future years.

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Other Considerations

None.

