

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
0
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
0
1
2
3
4

February 26, 2020

AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 1780

By: Treat

```
[ state government - Oklahoma Merit Protection
Commission - sunset date - effective date -
                                emergency ]
```

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 840-1.7, is amended to read as follows:

Section 840-1.7. A. There is hereby created until July 1, 2021, the Oklahoma Merit Protection Commission. Whenever the terms "Ethics and Merit Commission" or "Special Counsel of the Ethics and Merit Commission" appear in the Oklahoma Statutes, they shall mean the Oklahoma Merit Protection Commission or the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Merit Protection Commission as may be appropriate to the context in which they appear. The Oklahoma Merit Protection Commission shall consist of nine (9) members who shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. The members shall be removable only for cause, as provided by law for the removal of officers not subject to impeachment. Two members of the Commission shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Two members

1 of the Commission shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of
2 Representatives. Five members of the Commission shall be appointed
3 by the Governor. No more than four of the appointments made by the
4 Governor shall be from the same political party. Of the initial
5 appointments made to the Commission, one member appointed by the
6 President Pro Tempore, one member appointed by the Speaker and one
7 member appointed by the Governor shall be for a term of three (3)
8 years; and one member appointed by the President Pro Tempore, one
9 member appointed by the Speaker and one member appointed by the
10 Governor shall be for a term of two (2) years. The remaining three
11 initial appointments by the Governor shall be designated to serve a
12 term of one (1) year. At the expiration of the initial term, each
13 new appointee shall serve a three-year term. All initial
14 appointments shall be made prior to July 1, 1982.

15 B. Members of the Commission shall be entitled to reimbursement
16 for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided
17 in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

18 C. The Commission shall elect a ~~chairman~~ chair, to serve a two-
19 year term and such other officers as deemed necessary for the
20 performance of their duties. The Commission shall hold regular
21 meetings not less than once a month and such additional meetings as
22 called by the ~~chairman~~ chair as may be required for the proper
23 discharge of its duties.

24 ~~**SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.**~~

1 ~~SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation~~
2 ~~of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby~~
3 ~~declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and~~
4 ~~be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
6 February 26, 2020 - DO PASS
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24