

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 SENATE BILL 1404

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
8 2011, Section 10.3, as amended by Section 1, Chapter
9 127, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 10.3),
10 which relates to the Executive Branch Reform Act of
11 1986; establishing limit on certain employee
12 compensation; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 10.3, as
14 amended by Section 1, Chapter 127, O.S.L. 2012 (74 O.S. Supp. 2017,
15 Section 10.3), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 10.3. A. Within forty-five (45) days of assuming
17 office, each Governor may create a cabinet system for the executive
18 branch of state government. The cabinet system may be an
19 organizational framework created by executive order which includes
20 all executive agencies, boards, commissions, or institutions and
21 their assignments to specific cabinet areas. The cabinet system
22 shall consist of no more than fifteen cabinet areas and each cabinet
23 area shall consist of executive agencies, boards, commissions, or
24 institutions with similar programmatic or administrative objectives.

1 One cabinet area shall consist of the Oklahoma Department of
2 Veterans Affairs, its institutions and other executive agencies,
3 boards, commissions and institutions which are related to veterans.
4 The Governor's cabinet shall be in effect until the Legislature
5 supersedes each specific cabinet area or department by providing by
6 law for specific cabinet areas or departments, or removes by law the
7 authority of the Governor to create a cabinet area. At any time
8 during the Governor's term of office, the cabinet may be modified at
9 the sole discretion of the Governor subject to Senate confirmation
10 as provided by subsection B of this section.

11 B. The Governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of
12 the Senate, a Secretary to head each cabinet area. The Secretary
13 appointee for the cabinet area consisting of the Oklahoma Department
14 of Veterans Affairs and other related veterans entities shall be an
15 honorably discharged veteran and be eligible to receive benefits
16 from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. A cabinet
17 Secretary may be appointed as a position funded by the Office of the
18 Governor from funds available to that office, or appointed as a
19 cabinet Secretary from among the agency heads within the cabinet
20 area. The cabinet Secretaries shall:

21 1. Advise the Governor of any policy changes or problems within
22 the area they represent;

23 2. Advise the entities represented of any policy changes or
24 problems as directed by the Governor; and

1 3. Coordinate information gathering for the Legislature as
2 requested.

3 C. The cabinet Secretaries shall serve at the pleasure of the
4 Governor, however, the appointment or removal of a cabinet Secretary
5 who is also an agency head shall not otherwise affect the status of
6 the other duties of the agency head. Whenever a Secretary position
7 becomes vacant, the Governor shall appoint a successor within thirty
8 (30) calendar days pursuant to the provisions of subsection B of
9 this section. If the Legislature is not in session at the time of
10 appointment it shall be subject to the advice and consent of the
11 Senate upon convening of the next regular session of the
12 Legislature.

13 D. The maximum salary for all staff, subordinates and
14 statutorily-created agency employees, shall not exceed ninety
15 percent (90%) of the salary of the Governor.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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