

1 ENGROSSED SENATE
2 BILL NO. 410

By: Stanislawski and Loveless
of the Senate

3 and

4 Hardin of the House

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7 [Oklahoma Veterans Commission - appointment
8 procedure - director - ~~effective date~~ -
emergency]

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 72 O.S. 2011, Section 63.3, as
13 amended by Section 4, Chapter 262, O.S.L. 2014 (72 O.S. Supp. 2016,
14 Section 63.3), is amended to read as follows:

15 Section 63.3. The Oklahoma Veterans Commission shall perform
16 all acts necessary or proper to afford emergency, temporary and
17 permanent relief and assistance to all honorably discharged ex-
18 service persons of all wars of the United States of America and to
19 their dependents, and shall perform such other duties as may be
20 prescribed by law. The Commission shall promulgate rules ~~and~~
21 ~~regulations~~, in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act,
22 for the operation and maintenance of the Department of Veterans
23 Affairs; provided, however, in all cases priority and preference
24 shall always be given to disabled or diseased ex-service persons.

1 The members of the Commission shall be reimbursed for necessary
2 travel as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act. In
3 addition to its other powers and duties as herein provided, the
4 Commission shall have the following specific powers and duties which
5 shall, however, not be deemed to be exclusive:

6 1. To organize itself by the election of a ~~Chairman~~ Chair, Vice
7 ~~Chairman~~ Chair and Secretary, who shall perform the duties required
8 of them by the rules ~~and regulations~~, but shall receive no extra
9 compensation therefor, and to provide for the time and place of
10 meetings of the Commission;

11 2. To appoint the Director of the Department of Veterans
12 Affairs ~~and~~, with the advice and consent of the Senate;

13 3. To provide for the employment of all such other personnel as
14 may be necessary to carry out the provisions of Sections 63.1
15 through 63.4 of this title, and any other duties prescribed by law.
16 The salary and tenure of the Director of the Department shall be
17 determined by the Commission; and

18 ~~3.~~ 4. To approve all claims or expenditures from such
19 appropriations as may be made to the Commission prior to the payment
20 thereof except as may be otherwise provided by law.

21 ~~SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.~~

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

Passed the Senate the 20th day of March, 2017.

Presiding Officer of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
2017.

Presiding Officer of the House
of Representatives