

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

SENATE BILL 49

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to legislation; creating the Joint Committee on Line-Item Legislation; providing for membership; providing for terms; authorizing selection of co-chairs; stating purpose of the committee; requiring delivery of findings and recommendations; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 30.1 of Title 75, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall establish a joint rule committee to be designated the Joint Committee on Line-Item Legislation.

B. The President Pro Tempore shall appoint five current members of the Senate and the Speaker shall appoint five current members of the House of Representatives to the Committee. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each designate one of their respective appointments as co-chair of the Committee. The members of the committee shall serve at the pleasure of the presiding officer of their respective chambers.

1 C. A quorum shall be required to conduct any business of the
2 Committee. A quorum shall be a majority of the Senate members and a
3 majority of the House of Representatives members of the Committee.

4 D. The Committee shall meet as needed and during sessions of
5 the Legislature and at regular intervals in the interim.

6 E. The function of the Committee shall be to develop the
7 necessary rules and joint rules of each house of the Legislature for
8 the implementation of line-item voting procedures for the
9 consideration of legislation. The Committee may also consider and
10 issue findings for software updates and estimated costs for the
11 voting procedures and identification of existing statutes and
12 constitutional provisions requiring amendment to allow for line-item
13 for the consideration of legislation.

14 F. The Committee shall submit a report to the President Pro
15 Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives by December 31, 2023, detailing the findings and
17 recommendations of the Committee.

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

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