

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 56th Legislature (2017)

3 SENATE BILL 700

By: Sykes

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Judicial Nominating  
8 Commission; modifying appointing authority for  
9 certain commissioners; specifying requirements for  
10 certain commissioners; providing for filling of  
11 certain vacancies; terminating certain terms;  
12 directing certain appointments; providing for  
13 codification; and providing an effective date.

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

15 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified  
16 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1671 of Title 20, unless there  
17 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

18 A. As authorized pursuant to paragraph 2 of subsection A of  
19 Section 3 of Article VII-B of the Oklahoma Constitution, three  
20 attorney members of the Judicial Nominating Commission shall be  
21 appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and three  
22 attorney members shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives. The six attorney members of the Judicial  
24 Nominating Commission shall be licensed to practice law in this  
state and shall include at least one appointee from each

1 congressional district. Vacancies of any attorney commissioner  
2 shall be filled by the original appointing authority under this  
3 section.

4 B. On the effective date of this act, all appointed attorney  
5 member positions of the current Judicial Nominating Commission shall  
6 be deemed vacant and the terms of such members serving on the  
7 Commission shall be deemed terminated. The President Pro Tempore of  
8 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
9 make initial appointments for attorney members of the Commission  
10 pursuant to subsection A of this section within thirty (30) days of  
11 the effective date of this act.

12 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective in accordance with  
13 the provisions of Section 58 of Article V of the Oklahoma  
14 Constitution.

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