

1 **SENATE FLOOR VERSION**

2 February 7, 2017

3 SENATE BILL NO. 700

By: Sykes

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

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

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

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

1 shall be filled by the original appointing authority under this
2 section.

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

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

14 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
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