1 ENGROSSED SENATE
   BILL NO. 944   By: Taylor of the Senate
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                                             and
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                                    Martinez of the House
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6   An Act relating to the Corporation Commission;
         providing that certain employees be in the
7   unclassified service; providing that certain
         appointees be in the unclassified service; providing
8   option to remain classified to certain employees;
         requiring certain elections be in writing; providing
9   for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

13   SECTION 1.   NEW LAW   A new section of law to be codified

14 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 40.2 of Title 17, unless there

15 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

16   Any employee hired by the Corporation Commission on or after the

17 effective date of this act shall be in the unclassified service

18 unless the position is required to be subject to merit protections

19 as required by a federal program administered by the Oklahoma

20 Corporation Commission.

21   1. All future appointees to positions not required to be

22 subject to merit protections as required by a federal program

23 administered by the Commission shall be in the unclassified service.

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1   2. In accordance with existing law, any classified employee who

2 is serving in a position on the effective date of the removal of the

3 position from classified service and placement into the unclassified

4 service shall have the option of retaining the employee's classified

5 status. If the employee chooses to remain in the classified

6 service, the position occupied by the employee shall remain in the

7 classified service until the employee either vacates the position or

8 elects unclassified status in writing. All future appointees to

9 such positions shall be in the unclassified service.

10   SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2021.

11   Passed the Senate the 8th day of March, 2021.

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                                Presiding Officer of the Senate
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15   Passed the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,

16 2021.

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