

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 800

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Tourism and
8 Recreation Department employees; amending 74 O.S.
9 2011, Section 2242, which relates to unclassified
10 positions; reclassifying positions on certain date;
11 authorizing continuation of merit positions until
12 certain occurrences; requiring certain notice be
13 given to employee upon reclassification of position;
14 providing an effective date; and declaring an
15 emergency.

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

17 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 2242, is
18 amended to read as follows:

19 Section 2242. ~~The following offices and positions in the~~
20 Beginning July 1, 2021, employees of the Oklahoma Tourism and
21 Recreation Department shall be in the unclassified service and shall
22 not be subject to the Merit System of Personnel Administration;

23 ~~1. The Executive Director, the Deputy Director, directors of~~
24 ~~the divisions of the Department and administrative assistant of~~
25 ~~each, and not more than four positions involved in the executive~~
26 ~~management of the Department;~~

1 ~~2. All positions in the Traveler Response Information Program;~~

2 ~~3. All professional or managerial positions whose principal~~
3 ~~function is one of the following:~~

4 ~~a. marketing and promotion of travel and tourism to and~~
5 ~~within the state,~~

6 ~~b. promoting the state as a viable location for producing~~
7 ~~motion pictures and television programs and for~~
8 ~~recording music,~~

9 ~~c. developing, producing, and on-air broadcasting of~~
10 ~~"Discover Oklahoma", the weekly promotional television~~
11 ~~program,~~

12 ~~d. not more than fifteen positions performing financial~~
13 ~~management functions for the Department,~~

14 ~~e. not more than five positions performing human~~
15 ~~resources functions for the Department, and~~

16 ~~f. not more than two positions performing information~~
17 ~~services functions for the Department;~~

18 ~~4. Any position associated with the development and production~~
19 ~~of "Oklahoma Today" magazine; and~~

20 ~~5. Any position in the Division of State Parks utilized in the~~
21 ~~operation and administration of state resorts, cabins, lodges, and~~
22 ~~golf courses. An employee of the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation~~
23 ~~Department who is in the Merit System of Personnel Administration on~~
24 ~~July 1, 2021, may elect to retain their merit classification until~~

1 such position is vacated, abolished or the employee elects
2 unclassified status. Any position changed from a merit position to
3 unclassified service within the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation
4 Department on or after July 1, 2021, shall require a thirty-day
5 written notice be given to the current employee filling such
6 position.

7 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2021.

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

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