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Bode Wins Full Term on Corporation Commission

OKLAHOMA CITY -- Commissioner Denise Bode, serving on appointment since August 1997, won a full six-year term on the Corporation Commission by defeating Charley Long, a Pauls Valley area rancher, in the Nov. 3 general election.

Bode received 511,110, or 60.14 percent, of 849,884 votes, according to unofficial state Election Board results.

It was the largest victory margin in a contested race for a six-year commission term since 1978, when Bill Dawson captured 69.2 percent of the votes in defeating Tom Petuskey for a vacant seat.

Bode's new term will begin in January 1999.

Bode was appointed to the Corporation Commission by Gov. Keating to succeed Cody L. Graves who resigned. Prior to her appointment, Bode was president of the Independent Petroleum Association of America in Washington, D.C.

Bode is a Tulsa native. She received a degree in political science from the University of Oklahoma in 1976, a law degree from George Mason University, Fairfax, Va., in 1982, and a master's degree in tax law from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., in 1985.

Bode served on the staff of former Oklahoma governor and U.S. senator David Boren from 1976 to 1984.

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