

SHORT TITLE: Oil and Gas; modifying membership of the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 823

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to oil and gas; amending Section 4, Chapter 257, O.S.L. 1992, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 184, O.S.L. 1993 (52 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 288.4), which relates to the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board; requiring vacancies to be filled within certain time period; allowing board to fill vacancies under certain circumstances; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 257, O.S.L. 1992, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 184, O.S.L. 1993 (52 O.S. Supp. 1993, Section 288.4), is amended to read as follows:

Section 288.4 A. The Board shall be composed of at least eighteen (18) members. The eighteen members shall be independent oil producers, six to be appointed by the Governor, six to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and six to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Governor, President Pro Tempore and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make appointments of independent producers from a list of names submitted by qualified independent producer associations.

B. The members of the Board shall:

1. Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age;
2. Be a resident of the State of Oklahoma; and

3. Have at least five (5) years of active experience in the oil industry.

C. The initial term of office for independent producer members of the Board shall be as follows: six members for one (1) year, six members for two (2) years and six members for three (3) years.

For the initial appointments of independent producers, each appointing authority shall make two appointments for one-year terms, two appointments for two-year terms and two appointments for three-year terms. Thereafter, the terms of the independent producer members shall be for three (3) years.

D. The six independent producer members of the Board whose initial term of office is for one (1) year shall serve until October 1, 1993, at which time their terms shall expire and will be replaced by the members appointed to three-year terms under subsection E of this section.

E. On October 1, 1993, six members shall be appointed to the Board who represent major oil companies, two to be appointed by the Governor, two to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and two to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

F. After October 1, 1993, the Board shall be composed of eighteen (18) members, twelve of which shall be independent producers and six shall be representatives of major oil companies.

G. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term of office in the same manner as the original appointment. Provided, all vacancies shall be filled within ninety (90) days. If an appointing authority fails to fill a vacancy within ninety (90) days, then the Board shall appoint an appropriate person to finish the remainder of the unexpired term. The independent producer members and major oil company members may be removed from office by a majority ~~vote~~ of the three appointing authorities ~~in a manner as provided by law.~~

H. After October 1, 1993, the independent producer and major oil company members of the Board appointed pursuant to subsections A and E of this section may by majority vote appoint a maximum of three representatives from each of the following producer-related areas to serve as members of the Board: one member from a royalty owner association and two members representing crude oil purchasing companies. These additional members shall have full voting rights and privileges and will serve three-year terms. They may be removed from the Board by a majority vote of the independent producer and major oil company members of the Board appointed pursuant to subsections A and E of this section.

I. The Board shall at its first meeting elect one of its members as chairperson, who shall preside over meetings of the Board and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board. The first meeting of the Board shall be called by the Governor.

J. No member of the Board shall receive a salary or reimbursement for duties performed as a member of the Board however, members are eligible to receive travel reimbursement as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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