

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2754

By: Anthony of the House

and

Shedrick of the Senate

An Act relating to schools; amending 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.401, which relates to the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics; modifying membership qualifications of the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 1991, Section 1210.401, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1210.401 A. A secondary school to be known as the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics is hereby established to be governed by a board of trustees as created in this section.

B. The Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics shall consist of the following members:

1. Six (6) ex officio nonvoting members as follows:

- a. The ~~Chairman~~ Chair of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education or a designee; and
- b. The Chancellor for Higher Education or a designee; and
- c. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or a designee; and

- d. The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of Oklahoma State University; and
- e. The Dean of the College of Arts and Science of the University of Oklahoma; and
- f. The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of the University of Tulsa.

2. Seven (7) members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate as follows:

- a. A member of the Senate; and
- b. A superintendent of a public school district; and
- c. Five persons ~~who~~, two of whom are either a scientist or a mathematician and three of whom hold a graduate degree and practice a profession for which a graduate degree is required.

3. Seven (7) members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives as follows:

- a. A member of the House of Representatives; and
- b. A principal of a public secondary school; and
- c. Five members who are either a scientist or a mathematician or hold a graduate degree and are currently employed in an occupation related to mathematics or one of the sciences.

4. Five (5) members appointed by the Governor. Four of the members appointed by the Governor shall be business or industrial leaders. One member appointed by the Governor shall be a principal of a private secondary school in this state. One of the members shall be designated as ~~Chairman~~ Chair of the Board of Trustees by the Governor.

For purposes of this subsection:

- a. "scientist" means any person who has a college degree in one of the sciences ~~and~~ or is currently employed in an occupation related to one of the sciences; and

- b. "mathematician" means any person who has a college degree in mathematics ~~and~~ or is currently employed in an occupation related to mathematics.

C. 1. The terms of office of the members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall coincide with the terms of the appointing authority.

2. The terms of office of the initial members appointed by the Governor shall be as follows:

- a. Two members shall serve for a term of office of two (2) years; and
- b. Two members shall serve for a term of office of four (4) years; and
- c. One member shall serve for a term of office of six (6) years.

At the expiration of the terms of office of the initial members appointed by the Governor, their successors shall be appointed for terms of office of six (6) years.

D. Vacancies in the office of an appointed member shall be filled for the unexpired term by the appointing authority making the original appointment.

E. The Board of Trustees shall prepare a budget request for the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics and shall submit the budget request to the Legislature and the Governor by October 1 of each year. The Board of Trustees may accept gifts of real and personal property, money and other things, and use or dispose of the same in accordance with the directions of the donors or grantors thereof.

F. The Board of Trustees shall be authorized to purchase, own and acquire by lease or gift such motor vehicles as are reasonably necessary for the implementation of the programs of the Oklahoma School of Science and Mathematics.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1996.

SECTION 3. 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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 11th day of March, 1996.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President of the Senate