

ENROLLED SENATE
BILL NO. 45

By: Brown of the Senate

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An Act relating to osteopathic medicine; amending Section 3, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 37, Chapter 323, O.S.L. 1994 (25 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 307.1), which relates to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and 59 O.S. 1991, Sections 624, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 230, O.S.L. 1993, 631, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 230, O.S.L. 1993 and 632, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 230, O.S.L. 1993 (59 O.S. Supp. 1994, Sections 624, 631 and 632), which relate to creation and duties of State Board of Osteopathic Examiners; adding to exceptions from prohibition against holding meetings by teleconference; modifying requirement for biannual examinations and deleting provision for compensation of examiners; updating certain language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 3, Chapter 282, O.S.L. 1993, as amended by Section 37, Chapter 323, O.S.L. 1994 (25 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 307.1), is amended to read as follows:

Section 307.1 A. No public body shall hold meetings by teleconference except:

1. Oklahoma Futures;
2. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education; ~~and~~
3. The Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision; and
4. The State Board of Osteopathic Examiners.

B. No public body authorized to hold meetings by teleconference shall conduct an executive session by teleconference.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 624, as last amended by Section 5, Chapter 230, O.S.L. 1993 (59 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 624), is amended to read as follows:

Section 624. A. There is hereby re-created the State Board of Osteopathic Examiners to continue until July 1, 1999, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law.

B. The State Board of Osteopathic Examiners shall consist of eight (8) examiners appointed by the Governor, two of whom shall be lay persons. The remaining examiners shall be regularly licensed osteopathic physicians in good standing in this state who have been so engaged for a period of at least five (5) years immediately prior to their appointment. The osteopathic physician examiners shall be appointed by the Governor from a list of not less than six names submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association annually, and any present member of the Board of Examiners shall be

appointed to fill out ~~his~~ the unexpired term. All appointments made to the Board shall be for terms of seven (7) years. In the event of a vacancy brought about for any reason, the post so vacated shall be filled from a list of not less than six names submitted by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association.

C. ~~Said~~ The Board shall have and use a common seal, and make and adopt all necessary rules and bylaws relating to the enforcement of the provisions of the Oklahoma Osteopathic Medicine Act.

D. Examinations ~~shall~~ may be held at ~~least twice a year~~ the discretion of the Board, at the time and place fixed by the ~~said~~ Board, ~~of which examination~~ and all applicants shall be notified in writing. ~~The compensation of examiners shall be fixed by the bylaws of said Board, but in no case shall exceed the fees collected, and shall be paid from said fees.~~

SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 631, as amended by Section 12, Chapter 230, O.S.L. 1993 (59 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 631), is amended to read as follows:

Section 631. The term school or college of osteopathic medicine shall mean a legally chartered and accredited school or college of osteopathic medicine requiring:

1. For admission to its courses of study, a preliminary education equal to the requirements established by the Bureau of Professional Education of the American Osteopathic Association; and

2. For granting the D.O. degree, Doctor of Osteopathy, ~~(D.O.)~~ or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, actual attendance at such osteopathic school or college and demonstration of successful completion of the curriculum and recommendation for graduation.

SECTION 4. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 632, as amended by Section 13, Chapter 230, O.S.L. 1993 (59 O.S. Supp. 1994, Section 632), is amended to read as follows:

Section 632. A. The examination of those who desire to practice as osteopathic physicians shall embrace those general subjects and topics, a knowledge of which is commonly and generally required of candidates for a D.O. degree ~~of~~, Doctor of Osteopathy or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, by accredited osteopathic colleges in the United States. An examination furnished by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners shall be deemed to fulfill this requirement.

B. The applicant may be accepted who has successfully completed the examination sequence of the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners and meets all other requirements.

C. If the applicant fails the examination, then the applicant may apply to take another examination. The applicant shall not be eligible to take another examination until after six (6) months have elapsed. The applicant shall not be eligible, except in the case of clear and compelling mitigating circumstances, to take more than three examinations.

SECTION 5. This act shall become effective November 1, 1995.

Passed the Senate the 25th day of April, 1995.

President of the Senate

Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of March, 1995.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives