

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2178

By: Reese of the House

and

Milacek of the Senate

An Act relating to amusements and sports; amending 3A O.S. 1991, Section 201, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 364, O.S.L. 1992 (3A O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 201), which relates to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission; adding eligibility requirement for appointment to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 1991, Section 201, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 364, O.S.L. 1992 (3A O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 201), is amended to read as follows:

Section 201. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, which shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member shall be appointed from each congressional district, and one member who shall be experienced in the horse industry shall be appointed at large.

B. To be eligible for appointment to the Commission, a person shall:

1. Be a citizen of the United States; ~~and~~

2. Have been a resident of this state for five (5) years immediately preceding the appointment; ~~and~~

3. Not have been convicted of a felony pursuant to the laws of this state, the laws of any other state, or the laws of the United States; and

4. Have undergone a level 3 background investigation conducted by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

C. The initial terms of office of:

1. Three members shall expire on June 30, 1985; and

2. Two members shall expire on June 30, 1987; and

3. Two members shall expire on June 30, 1989.

Thereafter, the term of office of a member of the Commission shall be for six (6) years and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

D. The Governor may remove any member of the Commission for incompetence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office upon first giving the member a copy of the charges and an opportunity to be heard. A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment made by the Governor.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

Passed the House of Representatives the 26th day of February, 1997.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1997.

President of the Senate