

ENROLLED HOUSE  
BILL NO. 1920

By: Hutchison and Adair of  
the House

and

Easley of the Senate

An Act relating to the Grand River Dam Authority; amending 82 O.S. 1991, Section 863, which relates to the Board of Directors of the Grand River Dam Authority; modifying nominating process for the Board of Directors; providing for nomination by the Grand River Dam Authority Lakes Advisory Commission; stating residency requirement and qualifications; providing for first and subsequent nominations; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 82 O.S. 1991, Section 863, is amended to read as follows:

Section 863. A. There is hereby created the Grand River Dam Authority Board of Directors Nominating Committee, hereinafter referred to as the "Committee", which shall consist of representatives from:

1. Each municipal customer of the Grand River Dam Authority. A single representative shall be selected by the governing body of each municipality to serve at the pleasure of that governing body;

2. Each rural electric cooperative customer of the Grand River Dam Authority, including any rural electric cooperative receiving its electricity from any wholesale cooperative. Each representative shall be selected by the governing body of the rural electric cooperative to serve at the pleasure of that governing body; and

3. The industrial customers of the Grand River Dam Authority. The industrial customers shall meet and select from among themselves five (5) representatives to serve on the Committee and to serve at their pleasure. The five ~~(5)~~ representatives shall be selected at a meeting of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the industrial customers of the Grand River Dam Authority.

~~On~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection B of this section, on and after the effective date of this act, as vacancies occur on the Board of Directors of the district, the Committee shall meet and nominate three ~~(3)~~ candidates to fill such vacancy by majority vote. The list of the three nominees shall be forwarded to the Governor within thirty (30) days of the meeting of the Committee. In making such nominations, the Committee shall consider the following regarding the composition of the Board:

1. Each Board member shall be a resident of the district;

2. One director shall be selected from the industrial customers of the district;

3. One director shall be an official of a municipality served by the Grand River Dam Authority;

4. One director shall be an official of a rural electric cooperative served by the Grand River Dam Authority;

5. ~~Remaining Three~~ directors shall be selected at large; and

6. Each director shall have a demonstrated capability in business, finance or professional fields.

No member of the Committee shall serve on the Board nor receive any compensation or reimbursement for service on the Committee.

B. One director shall be selected by the Governor from a list of three nominees submitted by the Grand River Dam Authority Lakes Advisory Commission created in Section 4230 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes. The nominees shall be a resident of Craig, Delaware, Mayes or Ottawa County and have a demonstrated capability in business, finance or professional fields. The first vacancy occurring on the Board after the effective date of this act shall be filled in the manner provided for in this subsection. Thereafter if a vacancy occurs in that Board position or when the term of office is complete, nominations shall be submitted as provided for in this subsection.

C. The powers, rights, privileges and functions of the district shall be exercised by a board of seven (7) directors, herein called the Board, to be appointed from nominees supplied by the Committee by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate.

No more than one of ~~such the~~ directors shall be ~~residents a~~ resident of the same county; ~~provided, that no.~~ No person shall be eligible for ~~such~~ appointment if ~~he has,~~ at any time during the three (3) years before his the appointment, the person has been employed by any investor-owned utility company of any kind or character whatsoever, or holding a federal, state or county office, elective or appointive; ~~and, further, provided, that such.~~ Each director shall have lived in said district five (5) years prior to ~~his the~~ appointment of that director.

The terms of office of the directors first taking office after the approval of this act in 1965 shall expire as designated by the Governor at the time of nomination; one on the second Tuesday of January, 1966; one on the second Tuesday of January, 1967; one on the second Tuesday of January, 1968; one on the second Tuesday of January, 1969; one on the second Tuesday of January, 1970; one on the second Tuesday of January, 1971; and one on the second Tuesday of January, 1972. A successor to a director of the Board shall be appointed in the same manner as the original directors and shall have a term of office expiring seven (7) years from the date of the expiration of the term for which ~~his the~~ predecessor was appointed. Any director appointed to fill a vacancy in the Board occurring prior to the expiration of the term for which ~~his the~~ predecessor was appointed shall be appointed for the remainder of such term. Each director shall qualify by taking the official oath of office prescribed by general statute. Any director may be removed from office for just cause by majority vote of the Committee.

Each director shall be allowed ~~his~~ actual and necessary expenses incurred by the director in attending the meetings of the Board and in attending to the authorized business of the district pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act. No director shall, at the same time he or she is serving on the Board of Directors as a director, hold any other position with the Grand River Dam Authority.

The time and place of the regular meetings and the manner in which special meetings may be called shall be set forth in the bylaws of the said Authority. Four directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, and, except as otherwise provided in this act or in the bylaws, all action may be taken by the affirmative vote of the majority of the directors present at any such meeting, except

that no contracts which involve an amount greater than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or which are to run for a longer period than one (1) year, and no bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness, and no amendment of the bylaws, shall be valid unless authorized or ratified by the affirmative vote of four directors.

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 12th day of February,  
1997.

Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 10th day of April, 1997.

President of the Senate