

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2221

By: Askins of the House

and

Harrison of the Senate

An Act relating to professions and occupations;
amending 59 O.S. 1991, Section 15.2, as amended by
Section 3, Chapter 272, O.S.L. 1992 (59 O.S. Supp.
1997, Section 15.2), which relates to the Oklahoma
Accountancy Board; re-creating such Board.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 1991, Section 15.2, as amended by Section 3, Chapter 272, O.S.L. 1992 (59 O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 15.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 15.2 A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, ~~1998~~ 2004, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, Section 3901 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes, the Oklahoma State Board of Public Accountancy. On and after July 1, 1992, the Oklahoma State Board of Public Accountancy shall be renamed the Oklahoma Accountancy Board. The Oklahoma Accountancy Board shall have the responsibility for administering and enforcing the Oklahoma Accountancy Act. The Oklahoma Accountancy Board shall be composed of seven (7) members, to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The six registrant members, not including a firm, shall serve terms of five (5) years. The lay member shall serve coterminously with the Governor appointing the member. Re-creation of the Oklahoma State Board of Public Accountancy, renamed the Oklahoma Accountancy Board, shall not alter the established staggered terms of the members of the Oklahoma State Board of Public Accountancy.

B. One member shall be a public accountant licensed and holding a permit pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Accountancy Act. A list of qualified persons shall be compiled and submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma Society of Public Accountants from time to time as appointment of the public accountant Board member is required to be made. A list of three names shall be submitted for each single appointment from which the Governor may make the appointment.

C. Five members shall be certified public accountants holding certificates and permits issued pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Accountancy Act, at least four of whom shall have been engaged in the practice of public accounting as a certified public accountant as his or her primary occupation continuously for not less than eight (8) years immediately preceding their appointments. A list of qualified persons shall be compiled and submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants from time to time as appointments of the certified public accountant Board members are required to be made. A list of three names shall be submitted for each single appointment from which the Governor may make the appointment.

D. One member shall be a lay member who is not a certified public accountant or licensed public accountant. The lay member shall be appointed by the Governor to a term coterminous with the Governor. The lay member shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

E. Upon the expiration of ~~his~~ the term of office, a member shall continue to serve until a qualified successor has been appointed and confirmed by the Senate.

Passed the House of Representatives the 16th day of February, 1998.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 30th day of March, 1998.

President of the Senate