

SHORT TITLE: Department of Corrections; changing name to Department of Prisons; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

SENATE BILL NO. 605

By: Gustafson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to prisons; amending 57 O.S. 1991, Sections 503, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 364, O.S.L. 1992 (57 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 503), and 505, which relate to the creation of the State Board of Corrections and the Department of Corrections; changing the name of the Department of Corrections; conforming references; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 503, as amended by Section 5, Chapter 364, O.S.L. 1992 (57 O.S. Supp. 1996, Section 503), is amended to read as follows:

Section 503. There is hereby created the State Board of Corrections which shall be the governing board of the Department of ~~Corrections~~ Prisons herein created. The Board shall consist of seven (7) members who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member shall be appointed from each of the six congressional districts, and the seventh member shall be appointed from the state at large. The terms of office of two members shall expire on March 15, 1969, and each six (6) years thereafter; the terms of two members shall expire on March 15, 1971, and each six (6) years thereafter; and the terms of three members shall expire on March 15, 1973, and each six (6) years thereafter.

Not more than four members of the Board shall be of the same political party. Any member of the Board may be removed from office in the manner provided by law for the removal of officers not subject to impeachment. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 1991, Section 505, is amended to read as follows:

Section 505. There is hereby created the Department of ~~Corrections~~ Prisons which shall consist of divisions, subdivisions, institutions, and such sections, offices and positions as may be established by the Director, subject to the approval of the Board, or by law.

Every reference in law to the Department of Corrections or any predecessor agency on the effective date of this act shall be deemed to mean the Department of Prisons.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 1997.

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