

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB2227

By: Walker of the House

and

Kerr of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to oil and gas; amending 52 O.S. 2001, Section 288.4, which relates to the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board; modifying membership; adding certain royalty owner representatives to the Board; providing for initial terms for royalty owner representatives; stating membership; modifying appointment of additional members to the Board; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 52 O.S. 2001, Section 288.4, is amended to read as follows:

Section 288.4 A. The Oklahoma Energy Resources Board shall be composed of at least ~~eighteen (18)~~ twenty-one (21) members. ~~The eighteen~~ Eighteen members shall be independent oil or natural gas producers, ~~or~~ and representatives of major oil companies which do business in the state, six to be appointed by the Governor, six to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and six to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make appointments of independent producers from a list of names of independent producers which do business in the state submitted by qualified independent producer associations. Three members shall be royalty owner representatives which own producing mineral or royalty interest in the state, one to be appointed by the Governor, one to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and one to be appointed by the Speaker of

the House of Representatives. The Governor, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall make appointments of royalty owner representatives from a list of names of royalty owners submitted by qualified royalty owner associations.

B. The members of the Board shall:

1. Be at least twenty-five (25) years of age; and
2. Have at least five (5) years of active experience in the oil or natural gas industry.

C. The initial term of office for independent producer members of the Board shall be as follows: six members for one (1) year, six members for two (2) years and six members for three (3) years.

For the initial appointments of independent producers, each appointing authority shall make two appointments for one-year terms, two appointments for two-year terms and two appointments for three-year terms. Thereafter, the terms of the independent producer members shall be for three (3) years.

The initial term of office for royalty owner representative members of the Board shall be as follows: the member appointed by the Governor for one (1) year, the member appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate for two (2) years, and the member appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives for three (3) years.

D. The six independent producer members of the Board whose initial term of office is for one (1) year shall serve until October 1, 1993, at which time their terms shall expire and will be replaced by the members appointed to three-year terms under subsection E of this section.

E. On October 1, 1993, six members shall be appointed to the Board who represent major oil companies which do business in the state, two to be appointed by the Governor, two to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and two to be appointed by

the Speaker of the House of Representatives. After October 1, 1993, the Board shall be composed of eighteen (18) members, twelve of which shall be independent producers and six shall be representatives of major oil companies. After October 1, 2002, the Board shall be composed of twenty-one (21) members, twelve of which shall be independent producers, six shall be representatives of major oil companies, and three shall be representatives of royalty owners.

F. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term of office in the same manner as the original appointment. The appointed members may be removed from office by a majority vote of the three appointing authorities in a manner as provided by law.

G. ~~After October 1, 1993, the independent producer and major oil company~~ The members of the Board appointed pursuant to subsection A of this section may by majority vote appoint a maximum of ~~three~~ two representatives ~~from each of the following producer-related areas~~ to serve as members of the Board: ~~one member from a royalty owner association and two members~~ representing crude oil purchasing companies. These additional members shall have full voting rights and privileges and will serve three-year terms. They may be removed from the Board by a majority vote of the independent producer ~~and,~~ major oil company, and royalty owner representative members of the Board appointed pursuant to subsection A of this section.

H. The Board shall at its first meeting elect one of its members as chairperson, who shall preside over meetings of the Board and perform such other duties as may be required by the Board. The first meeting of the Board shall be called by the Governor.

I. No member of the Board shall receive a salary for duties performed as a member of the Board however, members are eligible to receive reimbursement for expenses and travel reimbursement as provided for in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

J. Members serving on the Board shall be eligible to serve on any other state board or commission if such member is otherwise qualified to hold such appointed office, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 6 of Title 51 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 3. 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.

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