

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL HB2251

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mental health; amending 43A O.S. 2001, Section 2-103, which relates to the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2001, Section 2-103, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-103. A. The Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall be composed of eleven (11) members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. Immediately after June 3, 1953, one member shall be appointed for a term expiring December 31, 1953, and one each for terms ending respectively one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5) and six (6) years thereafter. Upon the expiration of any of the terms a successor shall be appointed for a full term of seven (7) years.

1. One member, who shall be a physician licensed to practice in this state, and one member, who shall be a psychiatrist certified as a diplomat of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, shall both be appointed from a list containing the names of not less than three physicians and not less than three psychiatrists submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma State Medical Association;

2. One member shall be an attorney licensed to practice in this state and shall be appointed from a list of not less than three names submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma Bar Association;

3. One member shall be a psychologist, licensed to practice in this state, who shall be appointed from a list of not less than three names submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma State Psychological Association;

4. Three members, qualified by education and experience in the area of substance abuse recovery, shall be appointed from a list of not less than ten names submitted to the Governor by a state association of substance abuse recovery programs or organizations; and

5. One member, qualified by experience in the area of treating domestic violence or sexual assault, shall be appointed from a list of not less than three names submitted to the Governor by a state association of domestic violence and sexual assault programs or organizations.

B. 1. Four members shall be appointed as follows:

- a. a member qualified by experience in the area of treating domestic violence or sexual assault shall be appointed for a term ending December 31, 2000, and
- b. three members qualified by education and experience in the area of substance abuse recovery shall be appointed for terms ending on December 31, 2002, December 31, 2004, and December 31, 2006, respectively.

2. Upon expiration of the initial terms of each of the four members, a successor shall be appointed for a full term of seven (7) years.

C. No person shall be appointed a member of the Board who has been a member of the Legislature of this state within the preceding five (5) years.

D. The Board shall elect from among its members a chair and a vice-chair. The chair may call ~~meetings~~ a meeting at any time.

E. All regularly scheduled meetings of the Board shall be held at the Central Office of the Department of Mental Health and

Substance Abuse Services, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, unless otherwise scheduled. Six members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, and all action may be taken by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members present at any such meeting.

F. The action taken by the Board on any matter, or any document passed by the Board, shall be considered official when such action is placed in writing and signed by the chair or vice-chair.

G. The duties of the Board shall pertain to the care, treatment, and hospitalization of persons with mental illness, alcohol- or drug-dependent persons, and victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

H. Members of the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall be allowed their necessary travel expenses pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

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

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