

EHB 2097

THE STATE SENATE  
Monday, March 22, 2004

ENGROSSED

House Bill No. 2097

ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL NO. 2097 - By: SWEEDEN of the House and GUMM of the Senate.

An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2001, Section 15.2, which relates to the Oklahoma Accountancy Board; re-creating the Board; and modifying termination date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 15.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 15.2 A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, ~~2004~~ 2010, 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~~ Board. 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~~

1 ~~Board of Public Accountancy, renamed the~~ Oklahoma Accountancy Board,  
2 shall not alter the established staggered terms of the members of  
3 the Oklahoma ~~State Board of Public Accountancy~~ Board.

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

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

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

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

9 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON SUNSET REVIEW, dated 3-18-04 - DO  
10 PASS.