ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2122

By: Wright of the House

and

Easley of the Senate

An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2001, Section 1203, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 25, O.S.L. 2005 (59 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1203), which relates to the State Board of Registration for Foresters; re-creating the Board; and modifying the termination date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2001, Section 1203, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 25, O.S.L. 2005 (59 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1203), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1203. A. A State Board of Registration for Foresters is hereby created, to continue until July 1, ~~2006~~ 2012, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, whose duty it shall be to administer the provisions of Sections 1201 through 1220 of this title.

B. On the effective date of this act:

1. The persons serving on the Board on June 30, 1988, shall continue to serve the full terms for which they were originally appointed until their successors have been duly appointed and approved with the advice and consent of the Senate. All future Boards shall continue the staggered terms of office established for the State Board of Registration for Foresters prior to July 1, 1988.

2. Any actions taken by any state agency on behalf of the State Board of Registration for Foresters or in an attempt to enforce the provisions of Sections 1201 through 1220 of this title shall be subject to review by the Board on and after the effective date of this act. Any such acts may be rescinded or modified as deemed

appropriate by the Board, provided that such action shall not affect any accrued right, or penalty incurred, or proceeding begun between July 1, 1988, and the effective date of this act.

3. All funds collected after June 30, 1988, equipment, files, fixtures, furniture, and supplies of the Board which were transferred to the Department of Central Services or State Treasury pursuant to Section 3909 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes shall be returned to the care and custody of the Board on the effective date of this act.

4. All orders, determinations, rules, regulations, permits, certificates, licenses, contracts, rates, and privileges which have been issued, made, granted, or allowed by the Board and are in effect on June 30, 1988, shall continue in effect according to their terms until further action is taken by the Board after the effective date of this act or as modified by law.

C. The Board shall consist of five (5) foresters who shall be selected and appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma, with the advice and consent of the Oklahoma State Senate, and who shall possess the qualifications set forth pursuant to the provisions of Section 1204 of this title. Each qualified member of the Board shall receive a certificate of his appointment from the Governor and before beginning his term of office shall file with the Secretary of State his written oath or affirmation for the faithful discharge of his official duties.

D. The five members of the initial Board appointed after the creation of the Board on May 27, 1963, shall be appointed for terms of one (1), two (2), three (3), four (4) and five (5) years respectively. The initial Board and all future Boards shall always be composed of at least one member from each of the following fields: education, industry and public agency. On the expiration of the term of any member of the initial Board, the Governor shall, in the manner hereinbefore provided, appoint for a term of five (5)

years a registered forester having the qualifications set forth in Section 1204 of this title to take the place of the member whose term on said Board is expiring. Each member shall hold office until the expiration of the term for which such member is appointed and until a successor shall have been duly appointed and qualified.

Passed the House of Representatives the 13th day of March, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate