ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2133

By: Wright of the House

and

Easley of the Senate

An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2001, Section 1607, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 280, O.S.L. 2004 (59 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1607), which relates to the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology; 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 1607, as amended by Section 4, Chapter 280, O.S.L. 2004 (59 O.S. Supp. 2005, Section 1607), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1607. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, ~~2006~~ 2012, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology whose duty it is to administer the provisions of the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act. The members of the Board shall be residents of this state and shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. The Board shall be composed of five (5) members consisting of three licensed speech-language pathologists or audiologists, provided that at least one of the three shall be a licensed speech-language pathologist and at least one a licensed audiologist; one otolaryngologist who is certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology and one lay member.

B. The members of the original Board shall serve the following terms: one member for one (1) year, two members for two (2) years, and two members for three (3) years. Thereafter, at the expiration of the term, or termination of the member's service for any reason, the Governor shall appoint each successor for a term of three (3) years, or for the remainder of an unexpired term. The successor for any of the three speech-language pathologists or audiologists will be selected from a list of five licensed speech-language pathologists or audiologists, furnished by the Oklahoma Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The re-creation of the Board shall not affect the staggered terms of office for Board members established with the original Board.

C. Before entering upon the duties of the member's office, each member of the Board shall take the Constitutional oath of office and file it with the Secretary of State.

D. Board members may be reappointed to serve one additional three-year term. Three (3) years after the termination of a previous appointment to the Board, a member may be reappointed for one additional three-year term.

E. Board members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

Passed the House of Representatives the 15th day of February, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the 10th day of April, 2006.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate