

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

SENATE BILL 428

By: Wilcoxson of the Senate

and

Winchester of the House

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to libraries; amending 65 O.S. 2001, Section 2-101, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2002 (65 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 2-101), which relates to the Oklahoma Department of Libraries Board; specifying additional criteria for appointments to the Board; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 65 O.S. 2001, Section 2-101, as amended by Section 14, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2002 (65 O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 2-101), is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-101. The Oklahoma Department of Libraries Board is hereby created. The Board shall consist of seven (7) appointive members, and the Director, who shall be an ex officio nonvoting member. The Governor shall appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, one member from each congressional district and any remaining members shall be appointed from the state at large. However, when congressional districts are redrawn each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall complete the current term of office and appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn districts which are not represented by a board member until such time as each

of the modified congressional districts are represented by a board member. No appointments may be made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective if such appointment would result in more than two members serving from the same modified district. Appointments shall further be made on a rotating basis between areas where a library system has not been established and areas where a library system has been established, beginning with an appointment from an area where a library system has not been established. No appointive member shall be a librarian in active practice. Appointments shall be made on the basis of ability, sound understanding of the total responsibilities and objectives of a state library agency and active interest in the attainment of these goals.

SECTION 2. 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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