

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 739

By: Hobson

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission; amending 3A O.S. 2001, Section 201, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 204, O.S.L. 2003 (3A O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 201), which relates to membership; modifying paragraph form; deleting obsolete language; requiring certain appointment be subject to advice and consent of the Senate; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 3A O.S. 2001, Section 201, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 204, O.S.L. 2003 (3A O.S. Supp. 2004, Section 201), is amended to read as follows:

Section 201. A. There is hereby created the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission, which shall consist of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One member shall be appointed from each congressional district, and at least one of the remaining members shall be experienced in the horse industry and 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~~ is 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.

B. To be eligible for appointment to the Commission, a person shall:

1. Be a citizen of the United States; ~~and~~

2. Have been a resident of this state for five (5) years immediately preceding the appointment; and

3. Not have been convicted of a felony pursuant to the laws of this state, the laws of any other state, or the laws of the United States as established by a national criminal history record check as defined by Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. ~~The initial terms of office of:~~

~~1. Three members shall expire on June 30, 1985; and~~

~~2. Two members shall expire on June 30, 1987; and~~

~~3. Two members shall expire on June 30, 1989.~~

~~Thereafter,~~ the term of office of a member of the Commission shall be for six (6) years and until a successor is appointed and qualified.

D. The Governor may remove any member of the Commission for incompetence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office upon first giving the member a copy of the charges and an opportunity to be heard. A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term by appointment made by the Governor. Such appointment shall be subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2005.