

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 2297

By: Bengel, Miller, McDaniel
(Randy), Winchester, Dorman
and McAffrey of the House

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4 and

5 Morgan, Crutchfield,
6 Johnson (Mike), Adelson,
7 Myers and Coffee of the
8 Senate

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10 An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S.
11 2001, Section 4257, as last amended by Section 1,
12 Chapter 461, O.S.L. 2004 (74 O.S. Supp. 2007, Section
13 4257), which relates to employment of state board or
14 commission members; allowing employment of former
15 regent by institution of higher education after
16 certain period; and declaring an emergency.

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

18 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 4257, as
19 last amended by Section 1, Chapter 461, O.S.L. 2004 (74 O.S. Supp.
20 2007, Section 4257), is amended to read as follows:

21 Section 4257. A. Except as otherwise provided by law, no state
22 board or commission shall employ any former member of the board or
23 commission.

24 B. 1. A state board or commission may employ a former member
of the board or commission if at least one (1) year has passed since

1 the term of office of the former member has expired or since the
2 date the former member resigned from the board or commission.

3 2. An institution of higher education may employ a former
4 member of the board of regents which has oversight over the
5 institution if at least six (6) months have passed since the term of
6 office of the former member has expired or since the date the former
7 member resigned from the board of regents.

8 C. Notwithstanding subsection B of this section, a state board
9 or commission may employ:

10 1. A state employee who is an ex officio member of that board
11 or commission and who is required by law to be a member of that
12 board or commission; or

13 2. A former statewide elected official who was an ex officio
14 member of that board or commission if the former statewide elected
15 official completed the term in office. This subsection shall not
16 apply to a statewide elected official who is an ex officio member of
17 a board or commission.

18 D. Any person who willfully violates any provision of this
19 section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof
20 shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)
21 nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment
22 for not longer than six (6) months or by both such fine and
23 imprisonment, and upon conviction shall be ineligible for
24 appointment to or employment in a position in state service and, if

