

ENROLLED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2297

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

and

Morgan, Crutchfield,
Johnson (Mike), Adelson,
Myers, Coffee, Jolley and
Sweeden of the Senate

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

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

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

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

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

2. An institution of higher education may employ a former member of the board of regents which has oversight over the

institution if at least six (6) months have passed since the term of office of the former member has expired or since the date the former member resigned from the board of regents.

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

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

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

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

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.

Passed the House of Representatives the 21st day of February,
2008.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the 26th day of February, 2008.

Presiding Officer of the Senate