

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 52nd Legislature (2009)

3 SENATE BILL 976

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to education; amending 70 O.S. 2001,
8 Section 3-101, as amended by Section 15, Chapter 375,
9 O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008, Section 3-101),
which relates to the State Board of Education;
10 updating references; and providing an effective date.

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

13 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2001, Section 3-101, as
14 amended by Section 15, Chapter 375, O.S.L. 2002 (70 O.S. Supp. 2008,
15 Section 3-101), is amended to read as follows:

16 Section 3-101. The State Board of Education shall be the
17 governing board of the State Department of Education and shall
18 consist of seven (7) members. The State Superintendent of Public
19 Instruction shall be a member and the chairperson of said Board.
20 The remaining six members shall be appointed by the Governor by and
21 with the advice and consent of the Senate. No person shall be
22 eligible to be appointed to serve on the State Board unless said
23 person has been awarded a high school diploma or certificate of high
24 school equivalency. Any member appointed to the State Board after

1 ~~the effective of this act~~ May 20, 1994 shall complete the workshop
2 requirements of a new school board member pursuant to Section 5-110
3 of this title within thirteen (13) months following or preceding the
4 appointment of the member. Notwithstanding any provision of law to
5 the contrary, the State Department of Education shall not charge any
6 member of the State Board of Education a fee for any workshop
7 provided by the Department for board members pursuant to Section 5-
8 110 of this title and shall not pay a fee to any organization or
9 institution of higher education on behalf of a member of the State
10 Board of Education, or reimburse any member of the Board for a fee
11 paid to any organization or institution of higher education, for
12 attendance at a workshop or courses to satisfy the requirements of
13 Section 5-110 of this title.

14 The Governor shall appoint one member to serve for one (1) year;
15 one member to serve for two (2) years; one member to serve for three
16 (3) years; one member to serve for four (4) years; one member to
17 serve for five (5) years; and one member to serve for six (6) years.
18 Said members shall serve until their successors are duly appointed
19 and qualified. Their successors shall be appointed for a term of
20 six (6) years, and thereafter the term of each member of said Board
21 shall be six (6) years. An appointment shall be made to take effect
22 on April 2 of each year. Except for the State Superintendent of
23 Public Instruction, a member shall be appointed from each
24 congressional district, and any remaining members shall be appointed

1 from the state at large, not to exceed more than one member from any
2 one county, city or town. However, when congressional districts are
3 redrawn each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which
4 such modification becomes effective shall complete the current term
5 of office and appointments made after July 1 of the year in which
6 such modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn
7 districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such
8 modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn districts
9 which are not represented by a board member until such time as each
10 of the modified congressional districts are represented by a board
11 member. No appointments may be made after July 1 of the year in
12 which such modification becomes effective if such appointment would
13 result in more than two members serving from the same modified
14 district. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy the same shall be filled
15 by the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate at the next
16 session of the Legislature, such appointments to be made for the
17 unexpired term.

18 Terms of the members shall be staggered so that only one term
19 expires each year. Each member of the Board shall receive necessary
20 traveling expenses while in the performance of his duties in
21 accordance with the State Travel Reimbursement Act, ~~Section 500.1 et~~
22 ~~seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.~~

23 Provided, that persons serving as members of the State Board of
24 Education on the effective date of this act shall continue to serve

1 as members of the State Board of Education for the terms for which
2 they were appointed.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2009.

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