

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

4 FOR

5 SENATE BILL 1887

By: Justice of the Senate

and

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10 An Act relating to Environment and Natural Resources;  
11 amending 27A O.S. 2011, Section 3-3-201, which  
12 relates to Conservation Districts; modifying the  
13 makeup of District Boards; and providing an effective  
14 date.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 27A O.S. 2011, Section 3-3-201, is  
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 3-3-201. A. The governing body of the district shall  
19 consist of five (5) directors, elected or appointed as provided in  
20 the Conservation District Act, unless the districts undergo  
21 consolidation. If two or more existing conservation districts  
22 undergo consolidation, the district board of the newly consolidated  
23 district may constitute not more than nine (9) nor less than five  
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1 (5) directors, elected or appointed as provided in the Conservation  
2 District Act.

3 B. 1. No more than five (5) and not less than ~~Three~~ three (3)  
4 directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years and shall  
5 be elected for staggered terms beginning July 1 and ending June 30.

6 2. The ~~three~~ elected directors' positions shall be designated  
7 as position number one, position number two and position number  
8 three and, if necessary, number four and number five by the  
9 Commission.

10 3. To be eligible for election as a director of a conservation  
11 district, a person must be a registered voter in the district, and  
12 must be a cooperator of the district.

13 C. ~~Two~~ No more than two (2) and not less than four (4)  
14 directors, depending upon the size of the district board ~~directors~~  
15 ~~for each district~~ shall be appointed for each district by the  
16 Commission to serve a term of two (2) years beginning July 1 and  
17 ending June 30. The Commission shall issue a certificate of  
18 appointment to all appointed directors. Initially one director shall  
19 serve for a period of one (1) year and one director for a period of  
20 two (2) years.

21 D. Any director may be removed from office by the Commission,  
22 upon notice and hearing, for neglect of duty or for malfeasance in  
23 office.

1 E. All vacancies in the office of an elected or appointed  
2 director shall be filled for the unexpired term by the Commission.

3 F. Directors shall be entitled to be reimbursed by the district  
4 for actual expenses incurred in the official performance of their  
5 duties.

6 G. District directors may be paid a per diem for attending  
7 monthly district board meetings not to exceed Fifty Dollars (\$50.00)  
8 per meeting as established by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

9 H. If any director shall, during their term of office as  
10 director, be elected or appointed to any county or state elective  
11 office, or if they shall file as a candidate for the nomination to  
12 be elected to any such other office, their office as director shall  
13 become vacant and the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the  
14 Commission. Provided, that a district director may also serve on a  
15 board of education of a school district.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2014.

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