

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 54th Legislature (2013)

3 SENATE BILL 124

By: Anderson

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Funeral Board;
8 amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 396, which relates to
9 membership of the Board; clarifying language; and
10 providing an effective date.

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

12 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 396, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 Section 396. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July
15 1, 2014, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset
16 Law, the Oklahoma Funeral Board. Any reference in the statutes to
17 the Oklahoma State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors shall be
18 a reference to the Oklahoma Funeral Board. The Board shall consist
19 of seven (7) ~~persons~~ members, who shall be appointed by the
20 Governor. The term of membership of each member of the Board shall
21 be five (5) years from the expiration of the term of the member
22 succeeded. Any member having served as a member of the Board shall
23 be eligible for reappointment. Provided that, a member of the Board
24 shall serve no more than two consecutive terms and any unexpired

1 term that a member is appointed to shall not apply to this limit.
2 The Governor shall appoint the necessary members to the Board upon
3 vacancies and immediately prior to the expiration of the various
4 terms. Upon request of the Governor, appointments of a licensed
5 embalmer and funeral director member of the Board shall be made from
6 a list of five qualified persons submitted by the Oklahoma Funeral
7 Directors Association. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be
8 for the unexpired term. A member of the Board shall serve until a
9 successor is appointed and qualified. No person shall be a member
10 of the Board, unless, at the time of appointment, the person is of
11 good moral character and a resident of this state. Five of the
12 members shall have been actively engaged in the practice of
13 embalming and funeral directing in this state for not less than
14 seven (7) consecutive years immediately prior to the appointment of
15 the person, shall have an active license as provided by the Funeral
16 Services Licensing Act, shall keep the license effective, and remain
17 a resident of this state during the entire time the person serves on
18 the Board. Two of the members of the Board shall be chosen from the
19 general public, one of whom shall, if possible, be a person licensed
20 and actively engaged in the health care field, and shall not be
21 licensed funeral directors or embalmers or have any interest,
22 directly or indirectly, in any funeral establishment or any business
23 dealing in funeral services, supplies or equipment. These two
24 members shall be appointed to serve for five-year terms.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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