

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE
2 BILL NO. 1862

By: Osborn (Leslie) of the
House

3 and

4 Smalley of the Senate

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7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Educational
8 Television Authority; amending Section 2, Chapter
9 261, O.S.L. 1982, which relates to legislative
10 intent; expanding legislative intent; amending 70
11 O.S. 2011, Section 23-106.1, which relates to the
12 Executive Director; modifying appointment criteria;
13 providing for compensation; and declaring an
14 emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 2, Chapter 261, O.S.L.
17 1982, is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 2. It is the intent of the Oklahoma Legislature that
19 the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority seek ways to encourage
20 contributions by private individuals, companies, foundations,
21 corporations and others in the private and public sectors by
22 cooperating with a public, nonprofit foundation. Such foundation
23 would operate for the exclusive purpose of receiving, investing and
24 expending privately donated nonstate appropriated funds for
educational and eleemosynary purposes related to the support,
promotion, development and growth of educational and public

1 broadcasting in Oklahoma. In addition, if authorized by the
2 Authority, personnel from a foundation described in this section
3 could carry out duties of the Authority. The Oklahoma Educational
4 Television Authority shall make a full report annually on the
5 activities of the nonprofit foundation to the Governor and the
6 Legislature.

7 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 23-106.1, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 Section 23-106.1 The chief executive officer of the Oklahoma
10 Educational Television Authority shall be the Executive Director,
11 who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the
12 Authority. The Executive Director shall be appointed solely on the
13 basis of his or her qualifications to administer and direct the
14 affairs of the Oklahoma Educational Television Network. The
15 Authority shall fix the salary of the Executive Director. Provided
16 however, the Authority may appoint the chief executive officer of a
17 foundation described in Section 2, Chapter 261, O.S.L. 1982, to
18 serve concurrently as the Executive Director of the Authority and
19 chief executive officer of the foundation, in which case the
20 Executive Director shall be compensated solely by the foundation.

21 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
22 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby
23 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
24 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

1 Passed the House of Representatives the 22nd day of February,
2 2017.

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4 Presiding Officer of the House
5 of Representatives

6 Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2017.

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