

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 HOUSE BILL 3526

By: Jordan

7 AS INTRODUCED

8 An Act relating to sunset; amending 59 O.S. 2011,
9 Section 1253, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter
10 95, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp. 2017, Section 1253),
11 which relates to the State Board of Licensed Social
12 Workers; re-creating the Board; and modifying
13 termination date.

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

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 1253, as
16 last amended by Section 2, Chapter 95, O.S.L. 2014 (59 O.S. Supp.
17 2017, Section 1253), is amended to read as follows:

18 Section 1253. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until
19 July 1, ~~2018~~ 2024, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma
20 Sunset Law, the State Board of Licensed Social Workers, consisting
21 of seven (7) members.

22 B. Three of the members of the Board shall be licensed social
23 workers or licensed clinical social workers licensed pursuant to the
24 provisions of the Social Worker's Licensing Act. Two other members

1 shall be licensed as either social work associates or master's
2 social workers. One member shall be the president of the Oklahoma
3 Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. The
4 remaining member of the Board shall be selected from and shall
5 represent the general public.

6 C. Responsibility for enforcement of the provisions of the
7 Social Worker's Licensing Act is hereby vested in the State Board of
8 Social Work. The Board shall have all of the duties, powers and
9 authority specifically granted by, or necessary for, the enforcement
10 of the Social Worker's Licensing Act as well as other duties, powers
11 and authority it may be granted by applicable law.

12 D. 1. Each member of the Board appointed as a social worker
13 shall:

- 14 a. be a resident of this state,
- 15 b. be licensed in good standing to engage in the practice
16 of social work in this state,
- 17 c. at the time of appointment, have been actively engaged
18 in the practice of social work for at least one (1)
19 year out of the last five (5) years, and
- 20 d. have at least three (3) years of experience in the
21 practice of social work.

22 2. Each member of the Board appointed to represent the general
23 public shall be a resident of this state who has attained the age of
24 majority and shall not be, nor shall ever have been, a social work

1 licensee, or the spouse of a social work licensee, or a person who
2 has ever had any material financial interest in the provision of
3 social work services or has engaged in any activity directly related
4 to the practice of social work.

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6 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, dated
7 02/28/2018 - DO PASS.

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