

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 SENATE BILL 711

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to mental health; amending 43A O.S.
8 2011, Section 2-201, which relates to the
9 Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse
10 Services; removing appointing authority from Board of
11 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;
12 specifying appointing authority to the Governor;
13 providing an effective date; and declaring an
14 emergency.

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

16 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2011, Section 2-201, is
17 amended to read as follows:

18 Section 2-201. A. A Commissioner of Mental Health and
19 Substance Abuse Services shall be appointed by the ~~Board of Mental~~
20 ~~Health and Substance Abuse Services~~ Governor. The Commissioner may
21 only be removed by the ~~Board~~ Governor for cause. The Commissioner
22 shall meet at least one of the following qualifications:

23 1. Possession of a Doctor of Medicine Degree and a license to
24 practice medicine in this state;

2. Possession of an Osteopathic Medicine Degree and a license
to practice medicine in this state;

1 3. Possession of a Doctor of Public Health Degree;

2 4. Possession of a Doctoral Degree in Psychology and a license
3 to practice psychology in this state;

4 5. Possession of a Master of Public Health Degree and a minimum
5 of five (5) years of supervisory experience in the administration of
6 health services; or

7 6. Possession of a Master of Arts or Master's Degree in
8 Business Administration, Social Science or a related field and a
9 minimum of five (5) years of supervisory experience in the
10 administration of health services.

11 B. The salary of the Commissioner shall be fixed by the ~~Board~~
12 Governor.

13 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.

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

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