

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR

HOUSE BILL NO. 2480

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An Act relating to the State Board of Corrections;  
amending 57 O.S. 2011, Sections 503 and 506, as last  
amended by Section 2, Chapter 386, O.S.L. 2016 (57  
O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 506), which relate to the  
State Board of Corrections; modifying appointment of  
members of the Board; authorizing Governor to appoint  
Director; providing for determination of  
compensation; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 57 O.S. 2011, Section 503, is  
amended to read as follows:

Section 503. There is hereby created the State Board of  
Corrections which shall be the governing board of the Department of  
Corrections ~~herein created~~. The Board shall consist of ~~seven (7)~~  
~~members who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and~~  
~~consent of the Senate. One member shall be appointed from each~~  
~~congressional district and any remaining members shall be appointed~~

1 ~~from the state at large. However, when congressional districts are~~  
2 ~~redrawn each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which~~  
3 ~~such modification becomes effective shall complete the current term~~  
4 ~~of office and appointments made after July 1 of the year in which~~  
5 ~~such modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn~~  
6 ~~districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such~~  
7 ~~modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn districts~~  
8 ~~which are not represented by a board member until such time as each~~  
9 ~~of the modified congressional districts are represented by a board~~  
10 ~~member. No appointments may be made after July 1 of the year in~~  
11 ~~which such modification becomes effective if such appointment would~~  
12 ~~result in more than two members serving from the same modified~~  
13 ~~district. The terms of office of two members shall expire on March~~  
14 ~~15, 1969, and each six (6) years thereafter; the terms of two~~  
15 ~~members shall expire on March 15, 1971, and each six (6) years~~  
16 ~~thereafter; and the terms of three members shall expire on March 15,~~  
17 ~~1973, and each six (6) years thereafter. Not more than four members~~  
18 ~~of the Board shall be of the same political party. Any member of~~  
19 ~~the Board may be removed from office in the manner provided by law~~  
20 ~~for the removal of officers not subject to impeachment. Vacancies~~  
21 ~~on the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term the following~~  
22 ~~nine (9) members:~~

23 1. Five members appointed by the Governor;  
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1        2. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
2 Representatives; and

3        3. Two members appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the  
4 Senate.

5        Each member shall serve at the pleasure of his or her appointing  
6 authority and may be removed or replaced without cause. Any member  
7 of the Board shall be prohibited from voting on any issue in which  
8 the member has a direct financial interest. The Director of  
9 Corrections shall be an ex officio member of the Board, but shall be  
10 entitled to vote only in case of a tie vote.

11        SECTION 2.        AMENDATORY        57 O.S. 2011, Section 506, as last  
12 amended by Section 2, Chapter 386, O.S.L. 2016 (57 O.S. Supp. 2018,  
13 Section 506), is amended to read as follows:

14        Section 506. There is hereby created the position of Director  
15 of Corrections. The Director shall be qualified for such position  
16 by character, knowledge, skill, ability, education, training and  
17 successful administrative experience and shall have five (5) years  
18 of professional level work. The Director of Corrections shall be  
19 appointed by the ~~Board of Corrections, with the advice and consent~~  
20 ~~of the Senate and shall be subject to removal by a vote of the~~  
21 ~~majority of the entire Board or in the manner provided by law for~~  
22 ~~the removal of officers not subject to impeachment~~ Governor with the  
23 advice and consent of the Senate and shall serve at the pleasure of  
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1 the Governor and may be removed or replaced without cause.

2 Compensation for the Director shall be determined by the Governor.

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

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