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February 13, 2020

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An Act relating to the Oklahoma Accountancy Act; amending 59 O.S. 2011, Section 15.2, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 327, O.S.L. 2019 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 15.2), which relates to the Oklahoma Accountancy Board; extending sunset date; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 59 O.S. 2011, Section 15.2, as last amended by Section 2, Chapter 327, O.S.L. 2019 (59 O.S. Supp. 2019, Section 15.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 15.2. A. There is hereby re-created, to continue until July 1, ~~2020~~ 2023, in accordance with the provisions of the Oklahoma Sunset Law, the Oklahoma Accountancy Board. The Oklahoma Accountancy Board shall have the responsibility for administering and enforcing the Oklahoma Accountancy Act. The Oklahoma Accountancy Board shall be composed of seven (7) members, who shall have professional or practical experience in the use of accounting services and financial matters, so as to be qualified to make

1 judgments about the qualifications and conduct of persons and firms  
2 subject to regulation under the Oklahoma Accountancy Act to be  
3 appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The number  
4 of registrant members shall not be more than six, not including a  
5 firm, who shall serve terms of five (5) years. No member who has  
6 served two successive complete terms shall be eligible for  
7 reappointment, but an appointment to fill an unexpired term shall  
8 not be considered a complete term for this purpose. The public  
9 member shall serve coterminously with the Governor appointing the  
10 public member.

11 B. One member shall be either a public accountant licensed and  
12 holding a permit pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma  
13 Accountancy Act, or a person with professional or practical  
14 experience in the use of accounting services and financial matters  
15 and who shall have met the educational requirements to qualify as a  
16 candidate for examination for the license of public accountant as  
17 provided in subsection B of Section 15.8 of this title. A list of  
18 qualified persons shall be compiled and submitted to the Governor by  
19 the Oklahoma Society of Public Accountants, or successor  
20 organization from time to time as appointment of the Board member is  
21 required to be made. A list of three names shall be submitted for  
22 each single appointment from which the Governor may make the  
23 appointment.

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1 C. Five members shall be certified public accountants holding  
2 certificates and four shall hold permits issued pursuant to the  
3 provisions of the Oklahoma Accountancy Act, at least four of whom  
4 shall have been engaged in the practice of public accounting as a  
5 certified public accountant continuously for not less than five (5)  
6 out of the last fifteen (15) years immediately preceding their  
7 appointments. A list of qualified persons shall be compiled and  
8 submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma Society of Certified  
9 Public Accountants from time to time as appointments of the  
10 certified public accountant Board members are required. A list of  
11 three names shall be submitted for each single appointment from  
12 which the Governor may make the appointment.

13 D. One member shall be a public member who is not a certified  
14 public accountant or licensed public accountant. The public member  
15 shall be appointed by the Governor to a term coterminous with the  
16 Governor. The public member shall serve at the pleasure of the  
17 Governor.

18 E. Upon the expiration of the term of office, a member shall  
19 continue to serve until a qualified successor has been appointed.  
20 Confirmation by the Senate is required during the next regular  
21 session of the Oklahoma Senate for the member to continue to serve.

22 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2020.

23 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
24 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby

1 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
2 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT  
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