

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2480

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AS INTRODUCED

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 from the state at large. However, when congressional districts are redrawn each member appointed prior to July 1 of the year in which

~~such modification becomes effective shall complete the current term of office and appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall be based on the redrawn districts. Appointments made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective shall be from any redrawn districts which are not represented by a board member until such time as each of the modified congressional districts are represented by a board member. No appointments may be made after July 1 of the year in which such modification becomes effective if such appointment would result in more than two members serving from the same modified district. The terms of office of two members shall expire on March 15, 1969, and each six (6) years thereafter; the terms of two members shall expire on March 15, 1971, and each six (6) years thereafter; and the terms of three members shall expire on March 15, 1973, and each six (6) years thereafter. Not more than four members of the Board shall be of the same political party. Any member of the Board may be removed from office in the manner provided by law for the removal of officers not subject to impeachment the following seven (7) members:~~

1. Three members appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the House of Representatives and Senate;

2. Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

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

3 Each member shall serve at the pleasure of his or her appointing
4 authority and may be removed or replaced without cause. The
5 Director of Corrections shall be an ex officio member of the
6 Commission, but shall be entitled to vote only in case of a tie
7 vote. Vacancies on the Board shall be filled for the unexpired
8 term.

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

12 Section 506. There is hereby created the position of Director
13 of Corrections. The Director shall be qualified for such position
14 by character, knowledge, skill, ability, education, training and
15 successful administrative experience and shall have five (5) years
16 of professional level work. The Director of Corrections shall be
17 appointed by the ~~Board of Corrections, with the advice and consent~~
18 ~~of the Senate and shall be subject to removal by a vote of the~~
19 ~~majority of the entire Board or in the manner provided by law for~~
20 ~~the removal of officers not subject to impeachment~~ Governor, and
21 shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and may be removed or
22 replaced without cause. Compensation for the Director shall be
23 determined pursuant to Section 3601.2 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma
24 Statutes.

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

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